



Fundamental

ISLAMIC BELIEFS



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INTRODUCTION

In this world, everyone does what he think and decide will benefit him or people around him. This thinking, sometimes, gets stronger and becomes a firm belief, which is expressed as "Imaan" in the Islamic theological terminology. "Imaan" is regarded as a foundation for religious structure, because a religious person acts according to what he or she believes. Therefore, it is important for every Muslim to increase what he or she must know about Islam.

In this book, we will try to point out the necessary aspects of the structure of Islamic beliefs, relying on basic literatures and authentic sources of Islam.

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CHAPTER 1

ALLAH, THE ALMIGHTY

Belief in Allah, the Almighty, constitutes the central stage in the structural formation of Islamic religion. With it, one who wants to embrace Islam, begins his journey towards the world of Islam.

Because of its remarkable importance, we will discuss this topic first. However, in order to fully understand, we place a few subtopics and study their different aspects along with their authentic sources.

UNITY:

Allah, the Almighty, is one, and the only one, as He says through His beloved Prophet Muhammed (Peace be upon him).

﴿ قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ ﴾ ١

(O, beloved Prophet say, He is Allah, The One and only).

1. Holy Quran, Chapter: 112, Verse:1.

Denying the existence of any other God except Him, the Holy Quran says:

﴿اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ ج.....﴾ 1

(Allah, there is no deity except Him...)

His unity is not questionable in any direction. He has no co-partner in His entity, attributes, or actions. Making this clear, Almighty Allah warns us from associating anyone with him.

﴿وَاعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَلَا تُشْرِكُوا بِهِ شَيْئًا....﴾ 2

(And worship Allah, and do not associate anyone with him...)

After this strong warning, if anyone dares to associate someone with Allah, the Almighty, he or she will be accounted for and will not be forgiven.

﴿إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَغْفِرُ أَنْ يُشْرَكَ بِهِ وَيَغْفِرُ مَا دُونَ ذَلِكَ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ ج.....﴾ 3

(Undoubtedly, Allah does not forgive that partners should be set up with Him; but he forgives anything else, to whomsoever he pleases)

EXISTENCE:

He is existent and can never be nonexistent; His beginning is eternal and everlastingly abiding; not

1. Holy Quran, Chapter: 2, Verse: 255.

2. Holy Quran, Chapter: 4, Verse: 36.

3. Holy Quran, Chapter: 4, Verse: 48.

subject to an end. Pointing to it, Allah, The Exalted say:

﴿ كُلُّ مَنْ عَلَيْهَا فَانٍ ۖ وَيَبْقَىٰ وَجْهُ رَبِّكَ ذُو الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ ﴾ 1

(All that is on earth is to perish. And there is abiding forever is the entity of your Lord, full of majesty and Honors.)

Allah is not born of anyone, and no one was born of him. Along with this, He is independent and carefree.

﴿ اللَّهُ الصَّمَدُ ۖ لَمْ يَلِدْ وَلَمْ يُولَدْ ﴾ 2

(Allah, the independent, carefree. He begot none; nor was he begotten)

In another verse, refuting statements were made by non-believers about Him, He says:

﴿ وَقَالُوا اتَّخَذَ اللَّهُ وَلَدًا سُبْحَنَهُ ط ﴾ 3

(And they say, Allah has taken unto Himself a son; sanctity is for Him).

Allah, the supreme, is ever awake and no sleep comes to Him. He does not get tired and no fatigue comes to Him.

﴿ لَا تَأْخُذُهُ سِنَةٌ وَلَا نَوْمٌ ﴾ 4

(Slumber seizes Him not, nor sleep).

1. Holy Quran, Chapter: 55, Verse: 26, 27.

2. Holy Quran, Chapter: 112, Verse: 2, 3.

3. Holy Quran, Chapter: 2, Verse: 116.

4. Holy Quran, Chapter: 2, Verse: 255.

POWER:

Allah, the Exalted, has created us and created the whole world. He also arranged its contents in a logical manner.

﴿الرَّحْمَنُ ۚ عَلَّمَ الْقُرْآنَ ۚ خَلَقَ الْإِنْسَانَ ۖ﴾ 1

(Most Gracious, it is He who taught the Quran. He created human)

﴿الَّذِي لَهُ مُلْكُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَ الْأَرْضِ وَلَمْ يَتَّخِذْ وَلَدًا وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ شَرِيكٌ

فِي الْمُلْكِ وَ خَلَقَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ فَقَدَرَهُ تَقْدِيرًا ۖ﴾ 2

(He to whom belongs the dominion of the heavens and the Earth, no son has He begotten, nor has He a partner in His kingdom. It is He who created them in due proportions).

Allah, the omniscient, is Ever knowledgeable. He has the perfect knowledge of all things, hidden or open, the small and the great.

﴿وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تُبْدُونَ وَمَا تَكْتُمُونَ ۖ﴾ 3

(And Allah knows what you disclose and what you conceal)

Allah, the supreme, is the Lord of everything.

1. Holy Quran, Chapter: 55, Verse: 1, 2, 3.

2. Holy Quran, Chapter: 25, Verse: 2.

3. Holy Quran, Chapter: 24, Verse: 29.

He has a free hand in the disposal of all affairs. No one has the right to interfere in His decision and He does not need a helper or supporter for His business.

﴿ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَفْعَلُ مَا يُرِيدُ ﴾ 1

(Allah does what He desires)

He not only accepts the repentance of His servants, rather He wants us to ask His forgiveness.

The Prophet (peace be upon him) said, "On the last third part of every night, our Lord, the Exalted, descends to the nearest heaven and says, "Is there anyone to invoke Me that I respond to his invocation? Is there anyone to ask Me that I grant his request? Is there anyone asking My forgiveness so that I may forgive him?" 2

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It is He who grants life or death according to His will. He grants honor to anyone He desires and disgrace to anyone He wishes.

﴿ وَاللَّهُ يُحْيِي وَيُمِيتُ ط وَاللَّهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ بَصِيرٌ ﴾ 3

(And Allah gives life and causes death, and Allah is watching your actions)

1. Holy Quran, Chapter: 22, Verse: 14.

2. Bukhari: Imam Muhammed Bin Ismael Bukhari. Vol: 3, Page: 454, Edition: No , Date: No, Press. Classical Printers. Pub: Farid Book Depot Delhi.

3. Holy Quran, Chapter: 3, Verse: 156.

﴿ وَتُعِزُّ مَنْ تَشَاءُ وَتُذِلُّ مَنْ تَشَاءُ ط بِيَدِكَ الْخَيْرُ ط ﴾ 1

(And you exalt whom you please and disgrace whom you want; in your hand is all-good)

Allah, the Exalted, has fullest command on everything that corresponds to His Majesty. Actions that may denigrate Him, can never be done by Him. Such as, creating another God, or telling lies, etc.

﴿ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ﴾ 2

(Verily, Allah can do everything)

Indeed, Allah, the Exalted, is Ever Seeing, Ever Hearing, Ever Loving, Ever Vanquishing, Ever Invigorate, Ever Wise, but, none of these attributes resembles those of human beings...Therefore, those attributes require material organs, must be explained in the way that appropriately express His magnificence. Such as, "Hand of Allah," means the "Power of Allah."

﴿ لَيْسَ كَمِثْلِهِ شَيْءٌ ه ﴾ 3

(Nothing is like Him).

It is Allah, who provides foods, drinks, and whatever we need to survive in this world. And, He also arranges means of life for His living creations.

1. Holy Quran, Chapter: 3, Verse: 26.

2. Holy Quran, Chapter: 2, Verse: 20.

3. Holy Quran, Chapter: 42, Verse: 11

﴿كُلُوا مِمَّا رَزَقَكُمُ اللَّهُ وَلَا تَتَّبِعُوا خُطُوَاتِ الشَّيْطَانِ ط إِنَّهُ

لَكُمْ عَدُوٌّ مُبِينٌ ﴿ 1

(Eat of what Allah has provided for you and do not follow the foot-step of devil, undoubtedly, he is your open enemy).



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CHAPTER 2

PROPHETS (Peace be upon them)

Prophethood is the primary source of Islamic religion, through which one can get information about the basics of Islam. Without a strong belief in it, it is almost impossible to fulfill any of the requirements of the religion. Through the ages, people who were so fortunate, accepted the prophethood of the Prophets first, and then, their acceptance led them to the next step of being on the righteous path to Almighty Allah.

Regarding this important topic, Holy Quran discusses its several aspects, in addition, the Hadith explains them in an acceptable way as well. Let us see some of them in order to strengthen our belief in the Prophets.

SUPERIOR CREATION:

Prophets are super most creation of Almighty,

Allah. They are more superior than anything, even angels. Allah, the Exalted, says referring to them.

﴿ وَكُلًّا فَضَّلْنَا عَلَى الْعَالَمِينَ ﴾ 1

(And to each One We preferred above all in his time)

So, there is no reason to think that one can be reached to the status of a Prophet through prayers and worships.

GIFTED RESPONSIBILITY:

Prophethood cannot be achieved with persistent struggles and prayers; rather it is a mere gift from Allah, the Exalted. It is He who alone decides to whom He gives this responsibility. However, one who was to be sent as a Prophet was prepared for it earlier by Allah.

﴿ وَإِذَا جَاءَهُمْ آيَةٌ قَالُوا لَنْ نُؤْمِنَ حَتَّى نُؤْتَىٰ مِثْلَ مَا أُوتِيَ رُسُلُ

اللَّهِ ط اللَّهُ أَعْلَمُ حَيْثُ يَجْعَلُ رِسَالَتَهُ ط ﴾ 2

(And wherever any sign comes to them, they say, "we shall never believe until we receive one like those received by the Messenger of Allah. Allah knows well where to place His Messengership")

1. Holy Quran, Chapter: 6, Verse: 87.

2. Holy Quran, Chapter: 6, Verse: 124.

A Prophet, who is going to announce his prophethood amongst his people was blessed with all good manners and saved from every single bad manner that might cause his people to be away from him. He was made perfect in his all capabilities and actions by Allah, The Exalted. 1

PROPHETHOOD BY BIRTH:

Every Prophet is a born Prophet. However, he announces his Prophethood on the direction given by Allah, the Exalted. To support this claim, one can read the statement regarding a divine meeting between Almighty, Allah and spirits, as Allah referred the spirits of the Prophets as Prophets too.

﴿وَإِذَا خَذَ اللَّهُ مِيثَاقَ النَّبِيِّنَ لَمَا آتَيْتُكُم مِّنْ كِتَابٍ وَحِكْمَةٍ ثُمَّ جَاءَكُمْ

رَسُولٌ مُّصَدِّقٌ لِّمَا مَعَكُمْ لَتُؤْمِنُنَّ بِهِ وَلَتَنْصُرُنَّهُ ط ﴿ 2

(And remember when Allah took from the Prophets their covenant whatever I should give you of

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1. See, Aqaid-ul-Islam: Imam Shah Waliullah Muhaddis Dehlvi, Page: 59-60, Edition: No, Date: No, Press: Rubi Printing Press Delhi, Pub: Jame-Noor Dehli.
See, Ash-e-atul Lam aat: Imam Shaikh Abdul Haq Mhaddis, Vol: 1, Page: 200, Edition: No, Date: 1988, Press: M.S Printers, Pub: Etiqad Publishing House.
 2. Holy Quran, Chapter: 3, Verse: 81.

the Book and wisdom then comes to you the Messenger confirming what is with you; do believe in him and render him help.)

SINLESS:

Prophets are free of sins and therefore, they are innocent. They are protected by Allah, the Almighty, from being involved in any kind of vicious actions. Therefore, even thinking of anything wrong being possible by them must be considered one of the greatest sins. Indicating to this fact, Allah, the Super most, says about His beloved Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him):

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﴿ إِنَّكَ لَعَلَىٰ هُدًى مُّسْتَقِيمٍ ﴾ 2

(Undoubtedly, you are on the straight path)

﴿ مَا ضَلَّ صَاحِبُكُمْ وَمَا غَوَى ﴾ 3

(Your companion neither went astray nor misled)

MATCH LESS :

Prophets are not exactly like us. Even thinking of them in this way is a major sin and it's a way of the

1. Holy Quran, Chapter: 59, Verse: 7.

2. Holy Quran, Chapter: 22, Verse: 67.

3. Holy Quran, Chapter: 53, Verse: 2.

disbelievers. An example of this sin is mentioned in the Quran regarding the remarks of some people for the Prophet Nooh (Peace be upon him):

﴿ فَقَالَ الْمَلَأُوا الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِنْ قَوْمِهِ مَا هَذَا إِلَّا بَشَرٌ مِثْلُكُمْ

يُرِيدُ أَنْ يَتَفَضَّلَ عَلَيْكُمْ ط ﴿ 1

(The chiefs of the unbelievers among his people said: He is no more than a man like yourselves; he desires to assert his superiority over you).

And as some people stated secretly about Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) that he was a man like others. Holy Quran declared them as wrongdoers.

﴿ وَآسَرُوا النَّجْوَى الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا هَلْ هَذَا إِلَّا بَشَرٌ مِثْلُكُمْ ه ﴿ 2

(And the wrongdoers counseled among themselves secretly; that who is this, He is only a man like you).

Therefore, thinking about any Prophet that He is like an ordinary person, is not the way of strong Muslims, rather it is a way of thinking that had been adopted by infidels. How can a Prophet sent by Allah be like His other servants? Because, when the Prophet was given this great responsibility, He was blessed and given enormous powers no one else is able to possess. To better understand their extraordinary qualities, let us read the Holy Quran and Hadith, particularly focusing on some

1. Holy Quran, Chapter: 23, Verse: 24.

2. Holy Quran, Chapter: 21, Verse: 3.

of the easily understandable examples.

Seeing Ability:

A Prophet's seeing ability is more powerful than of any other person. Our beloved Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) said addressing to the people praying behind him, "By Allah your Ruku and Sujud are not hidden from me. I see you from my back." 1

Our beloved Prophet (peace be upon him) was also able to see in the dark night as he saw in the daylight. 2



Hearing Ability:

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A Prophet's hearing ability is also more enhanced than that of an ordinary person. The best evidence for this is when Prophet Sulaiman (Peace be upon him) was able to hear the ants talking to each other; which made him smile.

﴿ فَتَبَسَّمَ ضَاحِكاً مِّنْ قَوْلِهَا ﴾ 3

(There upon he smilingly laughed at her concern...)

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1. Bukhari: Imam Muhammad Bin Ismael Col: 1, P: 236.
 2. See, Ziaul Nabi: Peer Muhammad Karam Shah Azhari, Vol: 5, P: 447, Edition: 2, Jan, 2000, Press: Kak offset Delhi, Pub: Almajmaul Misbahi.
 3. Holy Quran, Chapter: 27, Verse: 19.

Sence of Smell:

A prophet's sense of smell is amazing. Prophet Yaqoob (Peace be upon him) could smell the scent of the dress of Prophet Yusuf (Peace be upon him) from an extensive distance.

﴿وَلَمَّا فَصَلَتِ الْعِيرُ قَالَ أَبُوهُمْ إِنِّي لَأَجِدُ رِيحَ يُوسُفَ لَوْ لَا

أَنْ تُفَنِّدُونِ﴾ ١

(When the caravan left Egypt, their father here said, "I do indeed scent the presence of Yusuf if you don't think me a dotard").

Sense of Taste: JANNATI KAUN?

The sense of taste of a Prophet is more powerful than of any person. Our beloved Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) tasted a piece of goat meat and accurately said that it was a poisonous piece. 2

Along with these special attributes of the Prophets, our Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) once declared very clearly that he was not like any other person. Narrated by Shaikh Abu Huraira (May Allah be

1. Holy Quran, Chapter: 12, Verse: 94.

2. See, Abu Daud: Imam Sulaiman Bin Isa, Vol: 3, Page: 449, Edition:1, Date:1987, Press: Irfan Afzal Printing Press Lahore, Pub: Khalid Ihsan Publisher.

pleased with him) that the Prophet (Peace be upon him) forbade from observing continuous fasts. So, one Muslim asked him, "But you practice it O' Prophet?" Then He replied, "Who amongst you is like me? I am given food and drink during night by Allah..." 1

Moreover, when Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) was asked about the reward on his optional prayer whilst sitting, He replied, "Yes, the reward of an optional prayer whilst sitting down is half of the same when it is made in standing position, but in fact, I am not like any of you." 2

SUPERIORITY OF OUR PROPHET:

Eying on the Prophethood, all Prophets are respected alike. We are not allowed to discriminate amongst them at all. However, some of them have been classified as being more superior than others. Pointing out to this fact, the Holy Quran says:

1. Bukhari: Imam Muhammad Bin Ismael Bukhari, Vol: 1, Page: 704.

2. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 2, Page: 451, No: 1612, Edition: 6, Date: Jan, 1997, Press: Roomi Publications, Lahore, Pub: Farid Book Stall Lahore.

For more information; See: Madarijun Nubuwat: Shaikh Abdul Haq Muhaddis Dehalvi, Vol: 1, Page: 126, Edition: No, Date: No, Press: Taya sons Printers Lahore, Pub: Maktaba Islamia Lahore.

﴿ تِلْكَ الرُّسُلُ فَضَّلْنَا بَعْضَهُمْ عَلَى بَعْضٍ ۚ مِنْهُمْ مَنْ كَلَّمَ اللَّهُ وَ

رَفَعَ بَعْضَهُمْ دَرَجَاتٍ ۖ ﴾ 1

(These are Messenger! That in them We caused one to excel upon other: To one of them Allah spoke; and some one else, He raised to degrees...)

In the above verse, almost all the commentators of the Holy Quran, have agreed upon that, " raised to degrees " was mentioned to express the countless degree of high status for our beloved Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him). 2

Therefore, amongst all the Prophets, our beloved Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) is the most dignified and given the highest status in front of Allah, The Exalted. 3

For this claim, in addition to the above verse of the Holy Quran, a number of reasons can be brought forward. However, because of the short format of this book, a couple of supporting evidences are being provided only.

Indeed, Our Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) is the leader of all the children of Prophet Adam (Peace be upon him) including every Messenger as he said: " I will be the leader of leader of children of

1. Holy Quran, Chapter: 2, Verse: 253.

2. See. Madarijun Nubuwat: Shaikh Abdul Haq Dehlavi, Vol: 1, Page: 127.

3. See, Same Book, Vol: 1, Page: 128.

Adam(Peace be upon him) on the Day of Judgment, I will be raised first from my grave, I will intercede first and my intercession will be accepted first." 1

In another saying of him, describing his unique attributes, he said: "I have been given five things which were not given to anyone else before me."

1. Allah, the Exalted, has helped me with awe, for a distance of one month's journey.
2. The earth has been made for me a place for offering Salat and a mean to purify (Tayammum). Therefore, anyone of my followers can make Salat wherever he is at the prescribed time of Salat.
3. The booty has been made lawful for me which was not lawful for anyone else before me.
4. I have been given the right of intercession.
5. Every Prophet was sent to his nation only, but I have been sent to all mankind." 2

FROM THE LIGHT OF ALLAH, THE EXALTED:

Our Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) was created first from the light of Allah, the Almighty. Then with the light of the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) everything was created. He, himself making this point clear, said, " The first that Allah, the Exalted,

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1. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 6, Page: 680.
 2. Bukhari: Imam Muhammad Bin Ismail Bukhari, Vol: 1, Page: 209.

has created was my Noor (Light), O Jabir... " 1

Indicating to this fact, the Holy Quran also provides a number of glaring evidences to leave no room for any suspicions.

﴿ قَدْ جَاءَكُمْ مِنَ اللَّهِ نُورٌ وَكِتَابٌ مُبِينٌ ﴾ 2

(Undoubtedly, there has come to you from Allah a light and a luminous book)

According to great commentators of the Holy Quran, "a light" in the above verse means "The Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him)." 3

Allah, the Almighty, has chosen a compound word: "Brightening sun," in His Holy Book praising the beloved Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him).

﴿ يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ إِنَّا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ شَاهِدًا وَمُبَشِّرًا وَنَذِيرًا ۚ وَدَاعِيًا إِلَى

اللَّهِ بِأَذْنِهِ وَسِرًا جَانِبًا مُنِيرًا ﴾ 4

(O Prophet! The Communicator of unseen news, no doubt, we have sent you as a witness, or bearer of Glad Tidings, and a Warner and an inviter towards Allah by

1. Roohul Ma'aani: Shaikh Shahabuddin Syed Muhammed Aalosi, Vol: 17-18, p:138, Date:1999, Press: No, Pub:Dar-o-Ihyaa-e-Turasil Arabi, Bairut.

2. Holy Quran, Chapter: 5, Verse: 15.

3. See, Jame ul Bayaan: Imam Ibn-e-Jarir Tabri, Vol: 6, P: 220, Press:No, Date: 1415 A H, Pub: Darul fikr Bairut.

See, Khazainul Irfan: Allama Syed Muhammed Naimuddin P:160, Date:No, Press: No, Pub: Frid Book Depot, Delhi.

4. Holy Quran, Chapter: 33, Verse: 45, 46.

His command and a brightening sun).

PROPHET FOR ALL MANKIND:

Every Prophet of Allah, the Exalted, has been sent to the specific nation with a limited time period. Such as Prophet Nooh (Peace be upon him) was directed to his people.

﴿ وَلَقَدْ أَرْسَلْنَا نُوحًا إِلَىٰ قَوْمِهِ فَقَالَ يَتَّبِعُوا اللَّهَ مَا لَكُم مِّنْ إِلَهِ غَيْرُهُ ۖ أَفَلَا تَتَّقُونَ ﴾ 1

(And indeed, we sent Nooh towards his people, "worship Allah, there is no God for you except him". Do you not fear?)

Regarding Prophet Musa (Peace be upon him) as he was sent to guide his people towards the righteous path, the Holy Quran says,

﴿ وَلَقَدْ أَرْسَلْنَا مُوسَىٰ بِآيَاتِنَا أَنْ أَخْرِجْ قَوْمَكَ مِنَ الظُّلُمَاتِ إِلَى النُّورِ وَذَكِّرْهُمْ بِآيَمِ اللَّهِ ۖ ﴾ 2

(And, we did send Musa with of Our signs that bring out your people from the depths of darkness into light and remind them of the days of Allah).

Likewise, Prophet Isa (Peace be upon him) was commanded to show his people the illuminous straight path to Allah, The Almighty.

1. Holy Quran, Chapter: 23, Verse: 23.

2. Holy Quran, Chapter: 14, Verse: 5.

﴿ وَإِذْ قَالَ عِيسَى ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ يَبْنِي إِسْرَآءِيلَ إِنِّي رَسُولُ

اللّٰهِ إِلَيْكُمْ..... ﴾ 1

(And remember when Isa son of Maryam said, "O children of Israel, I am Allah's Messenger to you...")

However, Our Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) was sent to the whole mankind without any discrimination of color, race, gender, or country of origin.

﴿ وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا كَآفَّةً لِّلنَّاسِ بَشِيرًا وَنَذِيرًا وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ

النَّاسِ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴾ 2

(We have not sent you but as a Messenger to all mankind, giving them Glad Tidings, and warning them, but most of the people do not know).

His Prophet hood, encircles all jinn as well. In confirmation of this, Allah, the Exalted, says that some of the Jinn heard the Holy Quran and on coming back to their people, they said:

﴿ يَقَوْمَنَا أَجِيبُوا دَاعِيَ اللَّهِ وَآمِنُوا بِهِ يَغْفِرَ لَكُمْ مِّنْ ذُنُوبِكُمْ

وَيُجْرِكُمْ مِّنْ عَذَابِ أَلِيمٍ ﴾ 3

(O our people! Respond with obedience to the caller of Allah and believe in Him. He may forgive some

1. Holy Quran, Chapter: 61, Verse: 6.

2. Holy Quran, Chapter: 34, Verse: 28.

3. Holy Quran, Chapter: 46, Verse: 31.

of your sins and save you from the painful torment).

In addition to those clear verses of the Holy Quran, our beloved Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) himself reiterated many times that he was sent as a guide to everyone.

"The Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) said, "Every Prophet was sent to his nation only, but I have been sent to all mankind."

KNOWLEDGE OF UNSEEN:

Every Prophet has been blessed with a part of unseen knowledge by Allah, the Almighty. 2

Our beloved Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) was given the knowledge of the unseen as well. Confirming this, the Holy Quran says:

﴿ وَمَا هُوَ عَلَى الْغَيْبِ بِضَنِينٍ ﴾ 3

(And he does not niggardly withhold the knowledge of unseen).

Our Prophet (Peace be upon him) was not niggard in disclosing the unseen because he was informed about what has happened and what is going to happen. Almighty, Allah, says in His Holy book:

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1. Bukhari: Imam Muhammad, Vol:1, Page: 209.
 2. Bahar-e-Shariat: Sadrush Sharia Molvi Amjad Ali, Vol: 1, Page: 14, Date: No, Edition: No, Press: No, Pub: Qadri Kitab Ghar Bareilly.
 3. Holy Quran, Chapter: 81, Verse: 24.

﴿ وَأَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَعَلَّمَكَ مَا لَمْ تَكُنْ تَعْلَمُ ۖ ط

وَكَانَ فَضْلُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكَ عَظِيمًا ۝ 1

(And Allah has sent down to you the Book and wisdom and taught you what you did not know, and great is the Mercy of Allah upon you).

Explaining the above verse, one of the renowned Islamic scholars, as an example for its commentary, Shaikh Ibn-e-Jarir Tabri said that the Porphet (Peace be upon him) was provided the knowledge of everything regarding what was done before and what is going to happen. 2

Moreover, he practically disclosed some of those unseen knowledge he had to his companions, as Shaikh Umar (May Allah be pleased with him) said that the " Prophet (Peace be upon him) stood up amongst us and started talking about the beginning of creation. Then he kept on informing us till those who were thrown into Hell. Therefore, who wanted to remember them, remembered and those who could not, forgot them. " 3

Eying on these strong evidences, Islamic scholars through out the world have concluded their research works with a clear note that our Prophet Muhammed (Peace be upon him) had the knowledge of unseen, which was given to him by Allah, The Exalted.

1. Holy Quran, Chapter: 4, Verse: 113.

2. Jamiul Quran: Ibn-e-Jarir Tabri, Vol: 4 , Page:373 .

3. Bukhari: Muhammad Bin Ismael, Vol: 2, Page: 208.

WITNESS OF THE NATION:

By Almighty Allah, our Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) has been given the power to watch all the actions performed by us regardless of their distances or sizes.

Pointing at the position of the Prophet (Peace be upon him) through this perspective, Holy Quran discloses:

﴿ يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ إِنَّا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ شَاهِداً وَ مُبَشِّراً وَ نَذِيراً ﴾ 1

(O Prophet! The communicator of unseen, no doubt, we have sent you as a witness, a bearer of Glad Tidings, and a warner).

"A witness of an action," means one who watches that action and has an unambiguous knowledge of it. Hence, being a witness our beloved Prophet (Peace and blessings be upon him) sees the actions of his followers completely and nothing is invisible for him. This sense of "witness" was brought into light by almost all the commentators of the Holy Quran. Like, adding to this fact, Shaikh Imaduddin Ibn-e-Kaseer, a great Islamic scholar and renowned commentator of the Holy Quran in Muslim world, says that our beloved Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) will witness the unity of Allah, The Exalted, that there is no God except Him and about the actions of people

1. Holy Quran, Chapter: 33, Verse: 45.

on the Day of Judgment 1

In addition, with the sayings of the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him), we also have evidences that support our above belief. Such as his claiming that "Allah, the Exalted, has opened the whole world before me, thus, I see the world and see what is going on till the Day of Judgment as clearly as I see the palm of my hand." 2

SHADOW OF OUR PROPHET:

Earlier, we discussed about the "Noor" of the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) and its origin. During that discussion with authentic evidences that supported our belief, it became unambiguous that the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) was a "Noor" (light). And it is an obvious fact that light

1. See, Ibn-e-Kaseer: Shaikh Imadudin Ibn-e-Kaseer, Vol:4, Page: 17, Date: No, Press: No, Pub: Iteqad Publishing House, Delhi.

See Also, Khazainul Irfan: Sadrul Afazil Shaikh Muhammed Naimuddin, Page: 614.

See Also, Ziaul Quran: Shaikh Karam Shah Azhari, Vol: 4, Page:80, Date:1399 Hijri, Edition: No, Press: Takhliq Markaz Printer Lahore, Pub: Ziaul Quran Publications.

2. Kanzul Ummal: Allama Ali Muttaqui Hindi, Vol: 11, Page:378, Edition :1409 AH, Date: No, Press: No, Pub: Muas sa sa tur Risala Bairut.

has never let down its shadow on the ground. That is why, our Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) had no shadow of him.

Before we get in touch with the supportive material to this topic, it is better to hear a supplication which was made by the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) for him especially. Although, it seems to be connected with the topic of "Noor," however, it provides a kind of base for almost all those renowned scholars who ended up having their research that the Prophet (Peace be upon him) had no shadow.

Narrated by Shaikh Ibn-e-Abbas (May Allah be pleased with him) that the Prophet of Allah (Peace be upon him) used to say in his invocation "O Allah! Make in my heart a light, in my sight a light, in my hearing a light, in my right side a light, in my left side a light, in front of me a light, on my back a light, and make me a light." 1

Read the very last part of the above Hadith "make me a light." It reiterates again that the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) was sent as a light. Referring to the above Hadith Shaikh Abdul Haque Dahelvi has made clear that the Prophet (Peace be upon him) had no shadow in the light of sun or moon. 2

1. Bukhari: Imam Muhammad Bin Ismael Bukhari, Vol: 3, Page: 452.

2. See, Madarijun Nubuwwat: Shaikh Abdul Haque, Vol: 1, Page: 3.

In addition, Hazrat Zakwan, a companion of the companion of the Prophet narrated that, "the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) had no shadow of him neither in the sun nor in the moon." 1

Also, Shaikh Usman (May Allah be pleased with him) said to the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) that, "O Prophet, Allah has saved you from imprinting any shadow on the ground that may no one will step on it....." 2

LIFE OF A PROPHET:

All the Prophets are alive in their graves. It is a fact that has been adopted by all most all the Muslim scholars through out the Islamic History. 3

1. Khasai Sul Kubra: Imam Jalaluddin Suyuti, Vol:1, Page:169, Edition:1, Date:1988, Press: Sky leon, Pub: Etiqad Publishing, Delhi.

2. Madarik: Allama Abul Barkat Ahmed, Vol:3, page:135, Date: No, Edition: No, Press: No, Pub: Abna-e-Molvi.

For more information one can see

A.Maqalaat-e-Kazmi: Allama Syed Ahmed Said Kazmi, Vol: 2, Page: 136, Edition: 1, Date: 1398 Hijri, Press: No, Pub: Maktaba Ziaaia Pakistan.

B.Sarkar ka Jism Be Saya: Allama Arshadul Quadri, Edition:No, Date: No, Press: Rubi Printing, Pub: Maktaba Jam-e-Noor, Dehli.

3. See, Madarijun Nubuwat: Shaikh Abdul Haque Muhaddis, Vol: 2, P: 609.

On the night of Meraj, the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) saw the Prophet Musa (Peace be upon him) in his grave, as narrated by Shaikh Anas (May Allah be pleased with him) that the Prophet of Allah (Peace be upon him) said, "I passed by the Prophet Musa (Peace be upon him) while he was praying inside his grave." 1

Along with the above Hadith, another hadith narrated by Shaikh Anas (May Allah be pleased with him) in which the Holy Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) said, "All Prophets are alive in their graves, and make prayers." 2

Both of the above Hadiths have the clear and glaring message that the Prophets are not like any other human being. Rather they have been blessed with unique attributes, and they still have a chance to enjoy all the aspects of life even after their so-called deaths.

It is to be noted that Prophets are alive with their natural bodies, as the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) said, "Verily Allah ordered soil not to destroy the bodies of Prophets." 3

Therefore, bodies are preserved from losing any

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1. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 6, Page: 840.
 2. Madarijun Nubuwat: Shaikh Abdul Haque Muhaddis, Vol: 2, P: 609.
 3. Ibn-e-Maja: Imam Muhammed Bin Yazid, Vol: 1, P: 814, Edition: No, Date: No, Press: Irfan Afzal Printin Press, Pub: Islami Academy Lahore.

part and souls are being returned to their bodies. As the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) said, "Whenever someone greets me, Allah, the Exalted, returns my soul, so I do answer his greeting." 1

RESPECT OF THE PROPHET:

Showing respect to the Prophets is necessary for every Muslim. They are in fact vicegerent of Almighty Allah on earth. Therefore, Disrespecting them will be rightly interpreted into disobeying Allah, the Exalted, Himself. As Muslims, we have to respect all the Prophets from Prophet Adam (Peace be upon him) to the Last Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) without leaving anyone of them aside.

Giving us the order of respecting to the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) Allah, the Exalted, says:

﴿لِتُؤْمِنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ وَتُعَزِّرُوهُ وَتُوَقِّرُوهُ وَتُسَبِّحُوهُ

بُكْرَةً وَأَصِيلًا﴾ 2

(O People! Might believe in Allah and His Messenger, and respect him and honor him and that you might extol His limitless glory from morning to evening).

Moreover, in a very clear way, Allah, the Exalted, says:

1. Abu Daud: Imam Sulaiman, Vol: 2, P: 122.

2. Holy Quran, Chapter: 48, Verse: 9.

﴿ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَرْفَعُوا أَصْوَاتَكُمْ فَوْقَ صَوْتِ النَّبِيِّ
وَلَا تَجْهَرُوا لَهُ بِالْقَوْلِ كَجَهْرِ بَعْضِكُمْ لِبَعْضٍ أَن تَحْبَطَ أَعْمَالُكُمْ وَأَنتُمْ لَا تَشْعُرُونَ ﴾ 1

(O believers! Do not raise your voices above the voice of the Prophet and do not speak aloud in his presence like you communicate with each other loudly, lest your deeds become vain and you are unaware).

Going in the depth of this order, you can easily find out that when speaking aloud in the presence of the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) is not tolerable, how come denigrating him in real is being over looked?

Listening to those words of Allah, the Exalted, companions of the Prophet had enough respect in their hearts for the Prophet (Peace be upon him). On the day of Hudaibia Treaty, Shaikh Urwa Bin Ma'sood (May Allah be pleased him) went back to Meccans and informed them about how the companions of the Prophet do respect their Prophet, Saying, " O People! By Allah, I have been to the Kings and to Caesar, Khosrau and An-Najashi, yet I have never seen any of them respected by his courtiers as much as Muhammad is respected by his companions... if he ordered them, they would carry out his order immediately; if he performed

ablution, they would struggle to take the remaining water, and when they spoke, they would lower their voices and would not look at his face constantly out of respect....." 1

Concept of respect to the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) does not limit to his personality only, rather it requires a wide respect which includes him and all that are related to him with one reason or more. 2

So, as a phenomenon of the respect to the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) by his companions that they did not even let his cut hair to drop on the ground. Shaikh Anas (May Allah be pleased with him) narrated that, "I saw the Prophet of Allah (Peace be upon him) was getting a hair cut, encircled by his companions, who did not let the cutting hair to drop on the ground but on the hands of someone." 3

Likewise, Shaikh Ibn-e-Umar (May Allah be pleased with him) was seen putting his hands on the Mimber (place used for delivering Speech on Friday) where the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) used to sit, and then wiped them over his face. 4

1. Bukhari: Imam Muhammad Bin Ismael, Vol: 2, Page: 27.

2. See, Shifa: Allama Qazi Ayaz Andlusi, Vol: 2, P: 109, Edition:1, Date: 1994, Press: Fine Offset Press, Pub: Razvi Kitab Ghar, Delhi. .

3. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 6, Page: 774.

4. See, Shifa: Allama Qazi Ayaz, Vol:2, P:110 .

Ways of revering someone is not limited to one or more methods, rather it varies from place to place, and culture. Such as standing up to show enough respect to someone; it is very common in Indo-Pak tradition. Thus, greeting the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) while standing is not contrary to the teachings of Islam, rather it must be described as a highly revered way which is furnished and approved by Islam in principle.

LOVE OF THE PROPHET:

The utmost respect to the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) provides one of the necessary bases for Islamic belief. Also, a passionate and depth love to him is something that plays a vital role in strengthening the Imaan itself. And in the next step, one who has it starts copying him in his days and nights, adopting his orders in their fullest forms and abstaining what he has commanded to be away from.

Showing us the importance of love to him, the Prophet (Peace be upon him) said, "None of you have the faith (Imaan) until he or she loves me more than his or her father, his or her children, and all mankind." 1

In addition, we have a clear message of Allah, the Exalted, regarding it as He says:

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1. Bukhari: Imam Muhammad Bin Ismael Bukhari, Vol: 1, Page: 104.

﴿ قُلْ إِنْ كَانَ آبَاؤُكُمْ وَأَبْنَاؤُكُمْ وَإِخْوَانُكُمْ وَأَزْوَاجُكُمْ وَعَشِيرَتُكُمْ وَأَمْوَالٌ نَّاقْتَرَفْتُمُوهَا وَتِجَارَةٌ تَخْشَوْنَ كَسَادَهَا وَمَسْكِنٌ تَرْضَوْنََهَا أَحَبَّ إِلَيْكُمْ مِّنَ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ وَجِهَادٍ فِي سَبِيلِهِ فَتَرَبَّصُوا حَتَّى يَأْتِيَ اللَّهُ بِأَمْرِهِ ط ﴾ 1

(Say, if your fathers, your sons, your brothers, your wives, your clan, the wealth of your earnings, the trade of which you fear loss, and the houses of your choice are dearer to you than Allah, and His Messenger, and the struggling in His Path, then wait till Allah brings His command).

Have an eager to see a practical Phenomenon of love to the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him), one should get in touch with the days of the companions of the Prophet around him. Such as, Shaikh Zaid Bin Dasna was asked if he likes for Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) to be killed in place of him? He replied, "By Allah, no, I do not even like a prickle to hurt his foot while I am enjoying with my family." 2

If it is so important, then how come we judge our sense of love to him? Regarding this, we have a very glaring Hadith of the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) as he said, "Love of a thing makes you blind (to see it's faults) and deaf (from hearing any faults of it)." 3

1. Holy Quran, Chapter: 9, Verse: 24.

2. See Shafa: Shaikh Qazi Ayaz, Vol: 2, P: 63.

3. AbuDaud: Imam Sulaiman, Vol: 3, P: 701.

Indeed, the above Hadith provides us the best tool to measure our love to him. Of course, our Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) was most perfect and unerring creation of Allah, the Exalted, but still trying to dig out any fault and unsuccessfully referring it to him, is an obvious effort that undermines one's faith in the Prophet. Therefore, the best way to avoid being involved in denigrating the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) is to think about him positively and not negatively.

FOLLOWING THE PROPHETS:

Every Prophet (Peace be upon them) was sent to be followed by his disciples. Regarding this important issue, Allah, the Exalted, says:

﴿ وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا مِنْ رَّسُولٍ إِلَّا لِيُطَاعَ بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ ط ١ ﴾

(We have not sent a Prophet, but to be obeyed, in accordance with the will of Allah)

Following the Prophets includes their every order to be obeyed with avoiding what they have forbidden from.

﴿ وَمَا آتَاكُمُ الرَّسُولُ فَخُذُوهُ ۚ وَمَا نَهَاكُمْ عَنْهُ فَانْتَهُوا ۚ ٢ ﴾

(And whatsoever the Messenger gives you, take it, and whatsoever he forbids you, abstain from it).

1. Holy Quran, Chapter: 4, Verse: 64.

2. Holy Quran, Chapter: 59, Verse: 7.

According to the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) one who does not follow him, will not get an entry into Paradise. 1

Therefore, we have several examples that show that Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) was followed by his companions perfectly. As Shaikh Umar Farooque (May Allah be pleased with him) was quoted when he was saying while kissing the Black Stone, "If I had not seen the Prophet of Allah (Peace be upon him) kissing you, I would have not kissed you." 2

POWER OF LEGISLATION:

Our Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) was not sent only as a Message bearer, rather he was given the power of legislation for us.

To support our claim, there are several examples in the sayings of the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him). However, we will see a couple of them only.

One day the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) delivered a speech and said that Hajj had been prescribed for you, therefore, you do perform Hajj. A person asked, was it each year? The Prophet (Peace be upon him) kept silent. The person, then repeated the same question three times, but the Prophet (Peace be

1. See, Shafa: Allama Qazi Ayaz, Vol: 2, Page: 40.

2. Bukhari: Imam Muhammad Bin Ismael Bukhari, Vol:1 , Page: 598.

upon him) did not speak. Later on he said, "If I was to say "Yes" it would have become mandatory upon you each year." 1

The above conversation clearly shows that the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) was authorized to introduce something as an Islamic rule.

In addition, the Prophet (Peace be upon him), on several occasions but limited in numbers, allowed something to one while denying the same for others. Such as, the Prophet (Peace be upon him) made clear that on the Day of Eid-ul-Adha, we do pray then sacrifice animals, but one who sacrifices before the prayer, it is not assumed as a ritual practice. A person, named Abu Burda (May Allah be pleased with him) who has sacrificed the animal before the prayer, asked, I only have a six months old male-goat. The Prophet (Peace be upon him) replied, "Sacrifice him but this would be limited to you only, not to anybody else." 2

Although, legitimate minimum age of a goat allowed to be sacrificed on Eid-ul-Adha is one year. However, using his authorized power of legislation, the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) reduced it to six month only for Shaikh Abu Burda (May Allah be pleased with him).

With this special permission, our beloved Prophet

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1. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 3, Page: 647.
 2. Bukhari: Imam Muhammed bin Ismail Bukhari, Vol: 3, Page: 212.

(Peace be upon him) regarded the witness of Shaikh Khuzaima Bin Sabit (May Allah be pleased with him) equal to two witnesses. 1

Although, Allah, the Exalted, says in His book:

﴿وَأَسْتَشْهِدُوا شَهِيدَيْنِ مِنْ رَجَا لَكُمْ ۖ-----﴾ 2

(...And get two witnesses, out of your men...)

Therefore, in general two male witnesses are required according to the Holy Quran, but Prophet (Peace be upon him) excluded the above companion from applying on him based on requirement of the Holy Quran.



AS A MEAN OF APPROACH:

Ordering us to seek the means of approach to Allah, the Exalted, He said:

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَابْتَغُوا إِلَيْهِ الْوَسِيلَةَ وَ

جَاهِدُوا فِي سَبِيلِهِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ﴾ 3

(O believers! Fear Allah and seek the means of approach to Him and strive in His way, that you may get prosperity)

"Means of approach" to the blessings of Allah,

1. See, Abu Daud: Imam Sulaiman, Vol: 3, Page: 100.

2. Holy Quran, Chapter: 2, Verse: 282.

3. Holy Quran, Chapter: 5, Verse: 35.

the Exalted, allowed to be practiced are one's good-deeds or Prophets (Peace be upon him) or pious persons as well.

Since, we are talking about the Prophets (Peace be upon him) so it is better to discuss the legitimacy of making them means of approach to Allah, the Almighty, under some authentic evidences.

It is narrated by Shaikh Umar Bin Khattab (May Allah be pleased with him) that Prophet Adam (Peace be upon him) asked Allah, the Exalted, His forgiveness accepting Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) as one of the means of approach. Allah, the Exalted, asked him saying, "How did you come to know Muhammad (Peace be upon him), although his personality was not born yet? Prophet Adam (Peace be upon him) said, "When you created me, I raised my head up and saw your name side by side with the name of Muhammad (Peace be upon him), then I have come up at a conclusion that the one whose name was put very close to your name is really a beloved person to you. Allah, the Exalted, said, "Indeed, he is the most beloved to me amongst all creations and you approached Me with his name, therefore, I forgave you. If I was not going to create Muhammad (Peace be upon him), I would not have created you." 1

1. Al Khasaisul Kubra: Imam Jalaluddin Suyuti, Vol: 1, Page: 18,

Along with this fact, Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) himself directed a blind person to seek Allah's help saying, "O Allah I beg you and seek your help through Muhammad, Prophet of Mercy (Peace be upon him). And O Muhammad (Peace be upon him), I seeking you as a mean of approach, ask my Lord to fill out my need..." 1

This beautiful Hadith proves unambiguously that making the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) as a mean of approach to Allah, the Exalted, is not only allowed, rather it intensifies our hopes in supplications to be accepted. It is noticed that this way of making Dua has been practiced commonly even after the nominal death of the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him). Such as, Shaikh Usman Bin Hunaif (May Allah be pleased with him) advised a needy person to make the same Dua so that he would be helped by Shaikh Usman Bin Affan (May Allah be pleased with him), the third Caliphate of Islam. 2

As we discussed earlier, righteous persons also can be sought as means of approach. Shaikh Umar Bin Khattab (May Allah be pleased with him) was recorded

1. Jam-e-Tirmizi: Imam Muhammad Bin Isa Tirmizi, Vol: 2, Page: 710, Edition: 1, Date: No, Press: No, Pub: Islami Academy Lahore.
2. See, Mafaheem Ya gib An Tu Sah Hah: Syed Muhammad Bin Alwi Almaliki, Page: 131, Edition: 10, Date: 1995, Press: Not, Pub: Dairatul Awqaaf Dubai.

to have made a Dua saying, "O Allah we used to ask rain through Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) that you accepted and blessed us with it. Now, we seek Shaikh Abbas Bin Abdul Muttalib (May allah be pleased with him) as a mean of approach to you, so shower upon us." Narrator noticed that, and then it rained.

INTERCESSION:

Interceding for someone before Allah, the Exalted, is itself a great blessing of Him, He grants to whom He wishes. Indicating to His decision about it, He says:

﴿ مَنْ ذَا الَّذِي يَشْفَعُ عِنْدَهُ إِلَّا بِإِذْنِهِ ﴾ 2

(Who is there can intercede in His presence except as He permits?)

And without any mere doubt, this permission would be granted to our Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) first, as he said, "I will be the leader of children of Prophet Adam (Peace be upon him) on the Day of Judgment, I will be raised first from my grave, I will intercede first and my intercession will be accepted first." 3

1. Bukhari: Imam Muhammad Bin Ismael, Vol:1, Page: 409.

2. Holy Quran, Chapter: 2, Verse: 255.

3. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 6, Page: 680.

Explaining the process of intercession in a more clear way the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) said, "For every Prophet there is one (special) supplication which is accepted, and I want to keep such a supplication for interceding for my followers on the Day of Judgment." 1

Regarding this topic, a very popular saying of the Prophet (Peace be upon him) named "Hadith of Intercession" was narrated by Shaikh Anas Bin Malik (May Allah be pleased with him). Because of the short format of this book, I would like to introduce you one of its four parts only. According to him, the Prophet (Peace be upon him) said, "On the Day of Judgment stranded people will come to Prophet Adam (Peace be upon him) asking him to intercede for his children, he will refuse saying, "I am not for this," and will advise them to go to Prophet Ibrahim (Peace be upon him) because, he was entitled with "Khalilul Lah". People, then will come to him. He will refuse giving an excuse that he was not for it and ask them to go to Prophet Musa (Peace be upon him) because, he was entitled with "Kalimul Lah". People will then, come to him, but he will refuse too saying that he was not for it and will advise them to go to Prophet Isa (Peace be upon him) because, he was entitled with "Roohul Lah". People will direct towards him, but as others he will refuse saying that he is not for

1. Bukhari: Imam Muhammad Bin Ismael Bukhari, Vol: 3, Page: 447.

it and will ask them to go to Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him). People then, will come to me. On looking at them, I will say, "Yes I am for it." Then I will ask Allah, the Exalted, His permission of interceding for them. On receiving the permission, I will glorify Him and then get down to make Sajda. After that I will be directed "O Muhammad (Peace be upon him) raise your head up and say, your request will be accepted, ask whatever you want, you will be provided, and intercede, your intercession will be accepted. Later I will say "O my Lord I am concerned about my followers, then I will be told to go to Hell and take those out from hell who have Imaan equivalent to one grain of wheat or barely. I will go and let them go out....." 1

This will not be the only way of interceding for Muslims by the Prophet (Peace be upon him), rather he will help his followers whatever and wherever they need his assistance by the permission of Allah, The Exalted. Such as, his help for those scared ones who will need him while passing over the "Bridge of Sirat" on the Day of Judgement, saying aloud "Wa Muhammadah" (O' Muhammed help us) then he will beg to Allah, the Exalted, saying " O my Lord take care of my nation, O my Lord take care of my nation....." 2

1. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 1, Page: 811.

2. Madarijun Nubuwat: Shaikh Abdul Haque Muhaddis, Vol: 1, Page: 420.

LAST PROPHET:

Allah, the Exalted, has sent several Prophets to guide the people towards righteousness. This long listed series of Prophethood has been ended up with Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him). Almighty Allah says in His Holy book, Quran:

﴿ مَا كَانَ مُحَمَّدٌ أَبَا أَحَدٍ مِّن رِّجَالِكُمْ وَلَكِن رَّسُولَ اللَّهِ وَخَاتَمَ

النَّبِيِّينَ ۚ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمًا ۝ 1

(Muhammad is not the father of any of your men, but he is the Prophet of Allah, and the seal of the Prophets and Allah has full knowledge of all things).

Although, the above verse of the Holy Quran clearly shows that our beloved Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) is the last Prophet and no new Prophet is expected till the end of the worlds, but eying on its importance, we will see a couple of Hadiths to understand it in a better way.

The Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) said, "...I am the seal of all Prophets, no Prophet will come after me..." 2

Giving a wonderful and easily understandable example for this fact, the Prophet (Peace be upon him) said, "My example and the example of the other

1. Holy Quran, Chapter: 33, Verse: 40.

2. Abu Daud: Imam Sulaiman, Vol: 3, Page: 334.

Prophets is that of a man who has built a house completely and excellently except leaving a place of one brick when the people entered the house, they wondered at its beauty wishing a brick should be put on it (In order to complete the structure), so I am that brick and I am the end of the Prophets." 1

Assuming "Prophethood" as a building which is already completed from every corner, nobody can even think of a new Prophet.

About the ending up of the Prophethood at him, the Prophet (Peace be upon him) said, "The Prophethood and Messengership have ended up, so no Prophet or Messenger will come after me."

Warning us from the arrival of Dajjal, the Prophet (Peace be upon him) said, "Allah, the Exalted, has not sent a Prophet but he warned his followers from the arrival of Dajjal. Now, I am the last of all the Prophets and you are the last of all nations, so, he will come out among you for sure." 3

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1. Bukhari: Imam Muhammad Bin Ismael Bukhari, Vol: 2, Page: 338.
 2. Tirmizi: Imam Muhammad Bin Isa, Vol:1, Page: 881, Edition:1, Date: No, Press: No, Pub: Islami Academy Lahore, Pakistan.
 3. Ibn-e-Maja: Imam Muhammed bin Yazid, Vol: 3, Page: 487.

CHAPTER 3

ANGELS (Peace be upon them)

A strong belief in Angels is mandatory for Muslims because they are the main source of getting the Messages of Almighty Allah. Following the previous format of dealing the topic, we will place some headings and discuss the related matters.

CREATION:

Angels were created out of light. 1

They were given the power to adopt any living-form they wish. Such as, Angel Jibrael (Peace be upon him) came to the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) taking up the face of a man; as narrated by Shaikh Umar (May Allah be pleased with him) that we were sitting around the Prophet (Peace be upon him)

1. Bahar-e-Shariat: Sadrush Sharia Allama Amjad Ali,
Vol: 1, Page: 23.

while a person having dark black hair and wearing a shiny white dress, came to him. His out look did not indicate that he was coming from any journey and none of us did recognize him either... 1

After he left, Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) asked, "O Umar did you know who was he? He replied, "Allah and His Prophet know." Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) said, "He was Jibrael, and he came to teach you your religion."

Some angels have wings as Allah, the Exalted, says in his book:

﴿ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ فَاطِرِ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ جَاءَ عَلَى الْمَلَائِكَةِ رَسُولًا

أُولَى أَجْنِحَةٍ مَّثْنَى وَثُلَّةٌ وَرُبْعٌ ط يَزِيدُ فِي الْخَلْقِ مَا يَشَاءُ ط ﴾ 3

(All praise be to Allah, Creator of the heavens and earth, Appointer of the angels as Messengers who have two, three, and four wings. He adds to creation as He pleases)

Sometimes they have been granted more than four wings. Shaikh Abdullah Ibn-e-Masood (May Allah be pleased with him) narrated that the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) saw angel Jibrael (Peace be upon him) while he had six hundred wings. 4

1. See, Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 1, Page: 272.

2. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 1, Page: 273.

3. Holy Quran, Chapter: 35, Verse: 1.

4. See, Bukhari: Imam Muhammad Bn Ismael Bukhari, Vol: 2, Page: 925.

Sometimes they embrace a way of appearance that nobody except the Prophet (Peace be upon him) can see them. As narrated by Syeda Aisha (May Allah be pleased with her) that once the Prophet (Peace be upon him) said to her, "O, Aisha! It is Jibrael who is greeting you." She replied, "Peace be upon him and the mercy and blessings of Allah." Then addressing the Prophet she said, "You see what I don't." 1

In addition, they do get down on earth looking like a cloudy thing. Shaikh Osaid Bin Huzair (May Allah be pleased with him) was reciting the Holy Quran at night. During this he saw something like a cloud containing lamps upon his head. Then he stopped his recitation fearing it might trample on him. On meeting with the Prophet (Peace be upon him), he told him what he saw. Prophet (Peace be upon him) explaining it said, "Those were angels who came to listen to you..." 2

The angels are not limited in their appearances to the forms that we have discussed. With the given ability by Allah, the Exalted, they can change their outlook easily. However, as some Hadiths signal out that they basically have a specific form in which they were created. Narrated by Syeda Aisha (May Allah be pleased with her) that the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) has seen angel Jibrael (Peace be upon him)

1. Bukhari: Imam Muhammad Bin Ismael Bukhari, Vol: 2, Page: 219.

2. See, Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 2, Page: 577.

only twice in the form he was created. 1

IDENTITY:

Angels are neither male nor female. 2

Thinking of them female and daughters of Allah, the Exalted, is wrong and baseless. Denying this type of thinking, Holy Quran says:

﴿ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ بِالْآخِرَةِ لَيُسَمُّونَ الْمَلَائِكَةَ تَسْمِيَةً

الأنثى ۚ وَمَا لَهُمْ بِهِ مِنْ عِلْمٍ ط إِنَّ يَتَّبِعُونَ إِلَّا الظَّنَّ ۚ وَ إِنَّ الظَّنَّ لَا

يُغْنِي مِنَ الْحَقِّ شَيْئًا ﴿ 3

(Undoubtedly, those who do not believe in the Hereafter, name the angels with female names, and they have no knowledge thereof. They follow mere conjecture and verily the conjecture avails nothing against the conviction).

BELIEVING IN THEM:

As Muslims, we have to believe in them all, regardless of their numbers and forms of appearances.

1. See, Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 1, Page: 773.
2. Bahar-e-Shariat: Sadrush Sharia Allama Amjad Ali, Vol: 1, Page: 24.
3. Holy Quran, Chapter: 53, Verses: 27, 28.

Allah, the Exalted, says:

﴿ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا آمِنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ وَالْكِتَابِ الَّذِي نَزَّلَ
عَلَى رَسُولِهِ وَالْكِتَابِ الَّذِي أَنْزَلَ مِنْ قَبْلُ ط وَمَنْ يَكْفُرْ بِاللَّهِ وَمَلَائِكَتِهِ
وَكُتُبِهِ وَرُسُلِهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ فَقَدْ ضَلَّ ضَلَالًا بَعِيدًا ﴾ 1

(O believers! Keep faith in Allah, and his Messenger and the Book which He has sent down upon His Messenger and the Book which has been sent down before. And who denies Allah, His Angels, His Books, His Messengers, and the Day of Judgment, has gone far, far, astray)

Therefore, we have to respect them and must avoid making such a comment that leads to making fun of them or denigrating their status. As well as criticising their works is strictly not tolerable in any way. One who acts like an enemy of them, would be regarded as an enemy of Allah, the Exalted, as He said:

﴿ مَنْ كَانَ عَدُوًّا لِلَّهِ وَمَلَائِكَتِهِ وَرُسُلِهِ وَجِبْرِيلَ وَمِيكَالَ

فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ عَدُوٌّ لِلْكَافِرِينَ ﴾ 2

(Whoever is an enemy to Allah, His Angels, His Messengers, Jibrael, Mikael then certainly Allah is an enemy of infidels)

1. Holy Quran, Chapter: 4, Verse: 136.

2. Holy Quran, Chapter: 2, Verse: 98.

SINLESS:

All angels are sinless. We are not supposed to expect from them committing any sin intentionally or unintentionally, big or small. Allah, the Exalted, says:

﴿ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا قُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ وَأَهْلِيكُمْ نَارًا وَقُودُهَا
النَّاسُ وَالْحِجَارَةُ عَلَيْهَا مَلَائِكَةٌ غِلَظٌ شِدَادٌ لَا يَعْصُونَ اللَّهَ مَا أَمَرَهُمْ
وَيَفْعَلُونَ مَا يُؤْمَرُونَ ﴾ 1

(O believers! Save yourselves and your family members from the Fire whose fuel is people and stones, over which are appointed stern and severe angels, who do not disobey the commands of Allah and do what they are commanded)

In addition, as the total submission, to the will of Allah, the Exalted, angels do remember and extol Him.

﴿ وَلِلَّهِ يَسْجُدُ مَا فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ مِنْ دَابَّةٍ وَ
الْمَلَائِكَةُ وَهُمْ لَا يَسْتَكْبِرُونَ ﴾ 2

(And to Allah Prostrate all that is in the heavens and all that are crawling on the earth and angels too, and they do not show arrogance)

1. Holy Quran, Chapter: 66, Verse: 6.

2. Holy Quran, Chapter: 16, Verse: 49.

WORKS:

Angels have been made responsible for numerous duties by Allah, the Exalted, which they do perfectly.

Some angels are given the task of delivering the messages of Allah, the Exalted to His Prophets (Peace be upon them). Holy Quran indicates to this type of noble work in a beautiful way of expression saying:

﴿ قُلْ مَنْ كَانَ عَدُوًّا لِجِبْرِيلَ فَإِنَّهُ نَزَّلَهُ عَلَى قَلْبِكَ بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ

مُصَدِّقًا لِمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ وَهُدًى وَبُشْرَى لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴾ 1

(Say, whoever is an enemy to Jibrael, he has brought down the Quran to your heart by the command of Allah, confirming the former Books, and a guidance and Glad Tiding for Muslims).

Some angels are directed to record the deeds of people. One of them sitting on the right shoulder writes down the good deeds and another one on the left shoulder records the bad deeds.

﴿ إِذْ يَتَلَقَّى الْمُتَلَقِّينَ عَنِ الْيَمِينِ وَعَنِ الشِّمَالِ قَعِيدٌ ۚ مَا يَلْفَظُ

مِنْ قَوْلٍ إِلَّا لَدَيْهِ رَقِيبٌ عَتِيدٌ ﴾ 2

(When the two recording angels record the deeds; one sits on the right and the other on the left. Not

1. Holy Quran, Chapter: 2, Verse: 97.

2. Holy Quran, Chapter: 50, Verses: 17, 18.

he (person) utters a word but there is a guardian angel ready to record it).

Some angels are being ordered to breathe life into the fetus. Details of this duty was brought forward by the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) as he said, "An angel would be appointed by Allah, the Exalted, who asked, O Lord! A drop turned into a clot. O Lord! It turned into a piece of flesh. And then if Allah wants to complete its formation, the angels would say, O Lord! Male or female? O Lord! Prosperous or not-prosperous? What will his provision be? What will his age be? The angel writes all this....." 1

An angel is made responsible for taking the souls at the time of death.

﴿ قُلْ يَتَوَفَّكُم مَّلَكُ الْمَوْتِ الَّذِي وُكِّلَ بِكُمْ ثُمَّ إِلَىٰ رَبِّكُمْ

تُرْجَعُونَ ﴾ 2

(Say, the angel of death who has been appointed over you causes you to die, and then you shall be returned to your Lord).

On Friday, some angels are being appointed at the doors of the Mosques to register the names of the prayers.

According to the Prophet (Peace be upon him) angels come to the Mosques on Friday and standing

1. Bukhari: Imam Muhammad bin Ismael Bukhari, Vol: 2, Page: 252.

2. Holy Quran, Chapter: 32, Verse: 11.

at the doors to register the names of the prayers chronologically. When the Imam sits on the pulpit to deliver the speech they fold up their registers and get ready to listen. 1

Angels make Durood on our beloved Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) as Holy Quran indicating to this topic announces:

﴿ إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ ۖ ﴾ 2

(Undoubtedly, Allah and His angels send blessings on the Prophet, the communicator of unseen). And when a follower of the Prophet (Peace be upon him) makes Durood on him it would be presented to him by an angel, appointed by Almighty Allah for this purpose. Disclosing this secret, our Prophet (Peace be upon him) said, "There is an angel of Allah, the Exalted, who was provided with the power of hearing to the whole creation, will stand near my grave till the Last Day after my death. He will convey me the Durood, made by any of my followers on me with his name including his father, saying O Muhammad (Peace be upon him) such person made Durood on you then Allah, the Exalted, will give him the reward ten times for each Durood." 3

1. See, Bukhari: Imam Muhammad bin, Vol: 2, Page: 217.

2. Holy Quran, Chapter: 33. Verse: 56.

3. Anwar-e-Ahmadi: Allam Shaikh Muhammad Anwarullah, Page:71, Date: No, Edition: First, Press: No, Pub: Jam-e-Noor.

Along with this mean of carriers, our Prophet (Peace be upon him) listens to our Durood and Greetings directly too. Clarifying this unique ability he said, "Not a person makes Durood on me but his voice reaches to me..." 1

Some angels are appointed by Allah, the Exalted, to move around the world in search of the programmers of the remembrance of Allah, the Exalted. 2

Some angels are being directed to ask forgiveness for Muslims and say "Aameen" after the supplications. 3

Along with those above duties of angels, they do have various responsibilities related to the world and its movements causing rain, blowing trumpet on the Last Day, directing clouds, and etc. 4

JANNATI KAUN?

1. Anwar-e-Ahmadi: Allam Shaikh Muhammad Anwarullah, Page: 71.

2. See, Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 7, Page: 464.

3. See, Bukhari: Imam Muhammad Bin Ismael, Vol: 2, Page: 220, 222.

4. See, Bahar-e-Shariat: Sadrush Sharia Allama Amjad Ali, Vol: 1, Page: 23.

CHAPTER 4

THE SCRIPTURES

Almighty Allah has sent his Prophets and Messengers to us throughout the history of this world in order to guide us towards righteous path. Supporting his Prophets and Messengers with glaring guidelines of preaching, Allah, the Exalted, has revealed to them His books and chapters. As main sources of the Messages of Allah, the Exalted, followers of the Prophets (Peace be upon them) accepted them and with the help of them, they changed their lives according to the wishes of Allah, the Exalted.

Dividing this chapter into few topics, we will try to get some useful information about scriptures that will strengthen our Imaan and perfect our knowledge. As well as we will study relatively in detail about the Holy Quran, the last revelation and the only unchanged book of Allah, The Exalted.

REVEALATION:

As we knew that Prophets (Peace be upon them) were given the divine messages of guidance for mankind. Such as Zaboor was revealed to the Prophet Dawood (Peace be upon him) as Allah, the Exalted says:

﴿ وَآتَيْنَا دَاوُدَ زَبُورًا ۝ 1 ﴾

(And we gave to Daud Zaboor)

And Taurat was given to the Prophet Musa (Peace be upon him) to lead the children of Israel to the right path.

﴿ وَآتَيْنَا مُوسَى الْكِتَابَ وَجَعَلْنَاهُ هُدًى لِّبَنِي إِسْرَآءِيلَ ۝ 2 ﴾

﴿ أَلَّا تَتَّخِذُوا مِن دُونِي وَكِيلًا ۝ 3 ﴾

(And we gave Musa the Book and made it guidance to the children of Israel that do not take other than Me as disposer of your affairs).

Likewise Ingeel was presented to the Prophet Isa (Peace be upon him) as a guide to his followers.

﴿ وَقَفَّيْنَا عَلَىٰ آثَارِهِم بِعِيسَى ابْنِ مَرْيَمَ مُصَدِّقًا لِّمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ ۝ 4 ﴾

﴿ مِنَ التَّوْرَةِ ۝ وَآتَيْنَاهُ الْإِنْجِيلَ ۝ 5 ﴾

1. Holy Quran, Chapter: 4, Verse: 163.

2. Holy Quran, Chapter: 17, Verse: 2.

3. Holy Quran, Chapter: 5, Verse: 46.

(And in their footsteps, We sent Isa, the son of Maryam, confirming Taurat that had come before him, and We gave him Ingeel...)

And the Last and final Book of Allah, the Exalted, was revealed to our beloved Prophet (Peace be upon him) as a guidance for everybody till the Last Day of this universe. Allah, the Exalted, says:

﴿ إِنَّا نَحْنُ نَزَّلْنَا عَلَيْكَ الْقُرْآنَ تَنْزِيلًا ﴾ 1

(Undoubtedly, We have sent down the Quran by stages).

BELIEVING IN BOOKS:

As Muslims we must believe in all the Books of Allah, the Exalted, which were revealed on the Prophets (Peace be upon them) throughout the history of the world.

Describing the definition of Imaan the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) said, "To believe in Allah, His angels, His Books....." 2

Therefore, in principle we believe in all Books of Almighty Allah, however, there is no book other than Holy Quran, in its original form, because they were changed and messed up by their followers. Several verses of the Quran uncovers this shameful act done by them, such as:

1. Holy Quran, chapter: 76, Verse: 23.

2. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 1, Page: 274.

﴿ يُحَرِّفُونَ الْكَلِمَ عَنْ مَوَاضِعِهِ وَنَسُوا حَظًّا مِمَّا ذُكِّرُوا بِهِ ﴾ 1

(They change the words of Allah from their places and have forgotten a good portion of those admonitions which were given to them).

Giving more detail about their deliberate actions of changing the context of the Taurat, Allah, The Almighty says:

﴿ فَوَيْلٌ لِلَّذِينَ يَكْتُبُونَ الْكِتَابَ بِأَيْدِيهِمْ ثُمَّ يَقُولُونَ هَذَا مِنْ

عِنْدِ اللَّهِ لِيَشْتَرُوا بِهِ ثَمَنًا قَلِيلًا ﴾ 2

(Then woe to those who write the Book with their own hands, and then say: this is from Allah, to traffic with it for miserable price).

Explaining the above verse, Shaikh Usman Bin Affan (May Allah be pleased with him) said that Jews had willingly written something they liked, as a part of Taurat and wiped off something they did not feel better for them. And they also erased the names of the Prophet Muhammed (Peace be upon him) from their book. 3

1. Holy Quran, Chapter: 5, Verse: 13.

2. Holy Quran, Chapter: 2, Verse: 79.

3. See, Jamiul Bayan: Shaikh Muhammad Bin Jarir Tabri, Vol: 1, Page: 301, Press: No, Pub: Darul Marifa Bairut, Edition: No, Date: 1409 Hijra.

THE HOLY QURAN:

The Holy Quran is the Last Book of Almighty Allah because no new Prophet is going to be sent down. So, there is not any possibility of a new Book.

Eying in its importance as it is the only reliable source of getting the Message of Allah, the Exalted, we discuss the historical fact encircled around it under some sub-headings.

REVEALATION OF THE QURAN:

The revelation of the Holy Quran has been completed during 23 years of the life of the Prophet Muhammed (Peace be upon him). During this period, the Holy Quran was given to him gradually in parts. The Quran itself indicates to this fact:

﴿ وَقُرْآنًا فَرَقْنَاهُ لِتَقْرَأَهُ عَلَى النَّاسِ عَلَى مُكْثٍ وَنَزَّلْنَاهُ تَنْزِيلًا ﴾ 1

(And We sent down Quran in parts, so that you may recite it for mankind at intervals and We have revealed it by stages).

It is one of the favors given to the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) by Almighty Allah that he had not to go to a specified place to receive the revelation of the Holy Quran, rather it was sent down on him wherever he was at during the process of

1. Holy Quran, Chapter: 17, Verse: 106.

revelation. However, those parts of the Quran were revealed before the migration of the Prophet (Peace be upon him) to Medina, they were usually known as "Meccan Chapters" whereas, those parts were sent down after it described as "Medinian Chapters." Therefore, those classifications of the Quran do not necessarily indicate to the original place of revelation of the concerned chapter. 1

BEGINNING OF THE QURAN:

Our beloved Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) was born in Mecca and grew up there as an honest, trustworthy, pious and an activist who was always ready to extend his helping hands toward widows, poor, and needy persons in the community.

As it was recorded that the Prophet (Peace be upon him) used to go in seclusion in The Cave of Hira in Mecca. Carrying with him foods, he used to worship continuously for many nights in that cave. During those days, once an angel came to him and asked him to read. The Prophet (Peace be upon him) replied, "I am not going to read." Then the angel caught him pressed hard. Again he said him to read. He repeated saying, "I am not going to read." Thereupon he pressed the Prophet (Peace be upon him) again. He then released him asking the

1. See, Alitqaan: Shaikh Jalaluddin Suyuti, Vol: 1, Page:15, Edition: 1, Press: Nafees Printers Lahore, Date: 1982, Pub: Edar-e-Islamiat Lahore.

same. He replied in the same word as he did earlier. Thereupon he caught him for the third time and pressed. Later on he released him saying, "Read in the name of your Lord, who has created.... 1

This event marks the beginning of the revelation of the Holy Quran to the Prophet (Peace be upon him).

COMPILING OF THE QURAN:

As the Quran was revealed to the Prophet (Peace be upon him) he asked some of his companions to write it down giving them clear instructions of placing the revealed chapter or verses. So, after the completion of the Holy Quran, they had the complete Quran written on the branches of palm trees, bones, stones, and on clean clothes. 2

The Holy Quran was not compiled altogether in one combined form in the physical life of the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him). For this, there were two basic reasons:

First: Because the revelation was going on and not yet completed.

Secondly: Due to the Prophetic instructions of placing the new revealed part of the Quran somewhere in

1. See, Bukhari: Imam Muhammad Bin Ismael Bukhari, Vol: 1, Page: 95-96.

2. Tibyanul Quran: Shaikh Ghulam Rasool, Vol: 1, Page: 102, Edition: 3, Date: 1999, Press: Roomi, Publications, Pub: Farid Book Stall Lahore.

between the earlier chapters.

However, after the nominal death of the Prophet Muhammed (Peace be upon him) those basic reasons were gone off and the Muslim community desperately felt a dire need of putting all parts of the Holy Quran altogether. Specially, when in a single fighting between Muslims and followers of a fake Prophet, more than seventy Muslims who memorized the Quran were martyred, companions of the Prophet rightly thought that with the death of Quran-memorized Muslims, they might lose the Quran. With this feeling, Shaikh Abu Bakr (May Allah be pleased with him), the first Caliphate ordered Shaikh Zaid Bin Sabit (May Allah be pleased with him) one of the trusted companions, who was appointed by the Prophet (Peace be upon him) to write the revelation, to compile the Holy Quran altogether in one format. Although, it was a great responsibility, he with the help of other companions completed this noble project. ¹

Aiming at providing possible comfort for different tribes of Arab, the Holy Quran was approved to be read in their specific seven pronunciation techniques at the early stages of Islam. Because, those mild differences in the recitation of the Quran did not lead to

1. See, AlitQaan: Allama Shaikh Jalaluddin Syuti, Vol: 1, Page: 153-158,

Also, Bukhari: Imam Muhammad Bin smael Bukhari, Vol: 2, Page: 988.

the differences in its meaning and explanation, there was no any dispute heard amongst them. However, with the fast growing boundary of Islamic country and widely acceptance by non-Arabs, this easement regarding the recitation of the Quran was appeared to end up at clashes and conflicts amongst Muslims of various origins. 1

After realizing the situation, Shaikh Usman Bin Affan (May Allah be pleased with him), the third Caliphate, in his reign has taken back the Quran which was complied by Shaikh Zaid Bin sabit (May Allah be pleased with him) from Hafsa, Mother of Muslims (May Allah be pleased with her) and asked Shaikh Zaid Bin Sabit, Shaikh Abdullah bin Zubair, Shaikh Said Bin Aas, and Shaikh Abdur Rahman Bin Haris (May allah be pleased with them) to rewrite the Quran as to be read in the pronounciation of Quraish manner, because it was revealed, basically, in their pronounciation style. 2

After the complication of this project, Shaikh Usman Bin Affan (May Allah be pleased with him) made several copies of it available and distributed them through out the Muslim world. What we have now, is the same copy of them, which is known as "Mus'haf-e-Usmani" referring to his historical efforts.

1. See, Bukhari: Imam Muhammad Bin Ismael, Vol: 2, Page: 989.
2. See, Alitqaan: Allama Shaikh Jalaluddin Syuti, Vol: 1, Page: 159-162.

POINTS AND SIGNS FOR WORDS:

At the beginning, there was no any points and signs for the words of the Holy Quran. But, when non-Arabs have embraced Islam, they had real difficulties in reading the Quran correctly. Abdul Malik Bin Marwan, a Muslim ruler asked the governor of Iraq, Hajjaj Bin Yusuf to be put signs and points for the Quran. According to the reliable sources, he called on Abul Aswad Duali, a renowned scholar and made him responsible for it. Therefore, he is the one who invented some specific marks to differentiate the words' pronunciations in order to get the correct meaning. 1

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PUNCTUATION MARKS:

Punctuation Marks help us to understand the meaning of the Holy Quran in a correct way. As the language of the Quran is the language practiced by Arabs, so, at the early stage of Islam, they did not feel any uncomfort in recitation of the Quran in a way that guided them to end up with perfect meaning. However, with the entrance of non-Arabs into the fold of Islam, it became necessary to be placed punctuation marks. The

1. See, Manahilul Irfan: sheikh Muhammad Abdul Azeem Zarquani, Vol: 1, Page: 400, Pub: Daru Ihyaa-e-Turasil Arabi Bairut, Date: No, Press: No, Edition: No.

first such effort was made by Imam Ahmed Bin Yahya through his book "Kitabul Waqf Wal Ibtada" in the third century of Hijrah. 1

PRESERVATION OF THE QURAN:

Amongst all of the Books of Allah, the Exalted, only the Quran is still in its original form. Nothing was added to it nor anything was taken off from its context.

The main reason behind this protection is that Allah, the Exalted, Himself has taken the responsibility of preserving it from any loss or addition. Exalted is He, said:

﴿ إِنَّا نَحْنُ نَزَّلْنَا الذِّكْرَ وَإِنَّا لَهُ لَخَفِظُونَ ﴾ 2

(No doubt, We have sent down this Quran, and We most surely will guard it).

1. See, Tibyanul Quran: Shaikh Ghulam Rusool Saidi, Vol: 1, Page: 118.

2. Holy Quran, Chapter: 15, Verse: 9.

CHAPTER 5

FATE

The Knowledge of Allah, the Exalted, is unimaginable, vast, and unquestionably perfect. He knows what happened, what is going on, and what will happen about everything. Before the creation of anything He knows about it and its final destination. Allah, the Exalted, says:

﴿ إِنَّا كُلَّ شَيْءٍ خَلَقْنَاهُ بِقَدَرٍ ﴾ 1

(Undoubtedly, We created everything according to an estimate).

Giving more detail about the destiny of the creations, the Prophet (Peace be upon him) said, "Allah, the Exalted, has written down the destinies of the creations before the creation of heavens and earth; around fifty thousand years ago." 2

1. Holy Quran, Chapter: 54, Verse: 49.

2. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 7, Page: 275.

Writing of destinies for us does not mean that we are forced to do according to what has been written down by Allah, the Exalted. In fact, it is Allah, who knew through His matchless knowledge about what we will do after our creations. So, on the basis of His knowledge, he had written our doings earlier.

Therefore, one whose last destination is Paradise, he will have his way to get in, and it will be made possible through his guidance to righteous deeds. Likewise for a person whose fate is to get in Hell will act wrongfully. As the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) said, "There is not anyone amongst you for whom a seat in paradise or Hell has not been assigned and about whom it has not been written down whether he would be miserable person or a happy one. A man asked, "O Prophet of Allah; should we not then depend upon our destiny and abandon our deeds?" Thereupon, he replied, "Do try because, whoever belongs to a company of happiness; he will have good works made easier for him, and who belongs to the company of misery; he will have evil acts made easier for him...." 1

The way of writing destiny for an individual was described in detail by the Prophet (Peace be upon him) as he informed us saying, "...An angel is being sent to the fetus of a mother by Allah, the Exalted so, he asks, "O Lord! Prosperous or not-prosperous? And that would be written down. Then he asks, male or female? Then

1. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 7, P: 264.

this would be recorded. Then, his deeds, provisions, age, and means of life would be recorded." 1

According to the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him), one's place of death was decided earlier too. For that place, one would be taken before his death as Allah, the Almighty, will cause him to go there for a reason. 2

Talking about this topic, one may think that why he should not give up his all efforts to ease the burdens of his life depending solely on his destiny? Interestingly, the same question was asked to the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him). A person asked, "What do you say about a certain Dua that we read, a medicine that we take, and means of safety that we use. Do these change the destiny set by Allah, the Exalted?" He replied, "These means are also part of the destiny." 3

In fact, Qaza is of three kinds; *Qaza-e-Mubram* (Unchangeable decision), *Qaza-e-Mullaq* (Hanging Decision) and, *Qaza-e-Mullaq Shabeeh Ba Mubram* (Hanging Decision that is like unchangeable Decision).

Unchangeable Decision: This type of Qaza decided by Allah, the Exalted, it can not be changed at all.

1. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 7, P: 261.

2. See, Tirmizi; Imam Muhammad Bin Isa Tirmizi, Vol: 1, Page: 795.

3. See, Tirmizi: Imam Muhammad Bin Isa Tirmizi, Vol: 1, Page: 796.

Hanging Decision: This type of Qaza is like being hanged on something, such as using medicines, making Dua, giving charity, or etc. Also, this is clearly explained in the register of Angels. As for example, "This was decided for him but he will make Dua and then it would be changed in such a way.

Hanging Decision like unchanged: This is a Qaza that was changeable in the knowledge of Allah, the Exalted, but was written as unchangeable in the register of Angels. Those decisions may be changed through Dua as the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) informed us. 1



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1. See, Anwaarul Hadith: Mufti Jalaluddin Ahmed Amjadi, Page: 120-121, Edition: No, Date: No, Press: No, Pub: Kutab Khana Amjadia Basti.

CHAPTER 6

THE LAST DAY

Allah, the Exalted, has predecreeed a term, whereupon it will meet an end. The day it will happen, is known as, "*The Last Day*." On that day, every human being will die and every creation would be destroyed. To better understand this important topic, we will choose some sub-headings, under which related matters would be discussed.

CONCEPT OF THE LAST DAY:

This is one of the strong bases of Islam that must be accepted by its followers because it is to come certainly as Allah, the Exalted, says:

﴿ إِنَّ السَّاعَةَ لَآتِيَةٌ لَا رَيْبَ فِيهَا وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ ﴾ 1

(And no doubt, the Hour is to come certainly, therein is no doubt; yet most people do not believe)

1. Holy Quran, Chapter: 40, Verse: 59.

And this day will come all of a sudden as the Holy Quran discloses:

﴿ لَا تَأْتِيكُمْ إِلَّا بَغْتَةً ۝ 1 ﴾

(Only, all of a sudden will it come to you)

However, it will come on its specified timing set up by the Lord. It is not possible for it to be happened before its recorded timing or be delayed a bit.

﴿ وَيَقُولُونَ مَتَىٰ هَٰذَا الْوَعْدُ إِن كُنتُمْ صَادِقِينَ ۝ قُلْ لَّكُمْ مِيعَادُ

يَوْمٍ لَا تَسْتَأْخِرُونَ عَنْهُ سَاعَةً وَلَا تَسْتَقْدِمُونَ ۝ 2 ﴾

(And they say, When shall this promise come, if you are truthful. Say, for you is the promise of a day from which neither you can go behind for a single moment nor you can go ahead of it)

Although, its coming has been decided by Allah, the Exalted, but was not disclosed for us at all. At the time of the revelation of the Holy Quran, some people has asked the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) to be pointed out to the exact time of its happening, but they were denied.

﴿ يَسْأَلُونَكَ عَنِ السَّاعَةِ أَيَّانَ مُرْسَاهَا ۝ قُلْ إِنَّمَا عِلْمُهَا عِنْدَ

رَبِّي ۝ لَا يُجَلِّيهَا لِوَقْتِهَا إِلَّا هُوَ ۝ 3 ﴾

(They ask you about the Hour-- when will be its appointed time? Say: The knowledge thereof is with my

1. Holy Quran, Chapter: 7, Verse: 187.

2. Holy Quran, Chapter: 34, Verses: 29, 30.

3. Holy Quran, Chapter: 7, Verse: 187.

Lord: None but He can reveal as to when it will occur)

SIGNS OF THE LAST DAY:

The exact timing of its occurrence was not disclosed for us, however, some signs prior to its coming have been clearly explained by the Prophet Muhammed (Peace be upon him). Let's see some of them here.

I. Shaikh Anas (May Allah be pleased with him) narrated that the Prophet (Peace be upon him) was saying, "These are the signs of the last day, knowledge would be diminished, illiteracy will be increased, illegal contact with women and drinking of alcohol will be practiced at large, and the number of women would be more than the number of men to as a man will take care of fifty women under his supervision." 1

II. Narrated Abu Huraira (May Allah be pleased with him) that Allah's Prophet (Peace be upon him) said, "The hour will not be established till a fire will come out of Hijaz, and it will throw light on the necks of the Camels at Busra." 2

III. Shaikh Huzaifa Bin Osaid Ghaffari (May Allah be pleased with him) described that the Prophet (Peace be upon him) saw us talking then asked, "What were you talking about?" We replied, "About the Last Day."

1. Tirmizi: Imam Muhammad Bin Isa Tirmizi, Vol: 1, Page: 834.

2. Bukhari : Imam Muhammed bin, Vol: 3, Page: 734.

Explaining this topic, the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) said, "The Last Day will not come until you see the ten signs of it; Smoke, Dajjal (1), Dabba tul ard (2), Rising of sun from west, the descent of the Isa son of Maryam (Peace be upon him), Appearance of Gog and Magog, shrinking of lands in three places; on the east side, on the west, and on the Arabian Island, and the tenth one is the eruption of a fire in Aden which will drive the people to the land of congregation." 3

1. The Prophet (Peace be upon him) described "Dajjal" saying, "He would be a young man with twisted curly hair with a left blind eye.

(See, Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 7, Page: 812)

2. Dabba tul ard (Beast) is an animal of four legs, he will have the stick of Prophet Musa (Peace be upon him) and have the ring of Prophet Sulaiman (Peace be upon him)

(See, Sharh Muslim: Maulana Ghulam Rasool, Vol: 7, Page: 797, Edition: 4, Date: 1997, Press: Roomi Publications, Pub: Farid Book Stall).

The Holy Quran also talks about it saying:

﴿وَإِذَا وَقَعَ الْقَوْلُ عَلَيْهِمْ أَخْرَجْنَا لَهُمْ دَابَّةً مِّنَ الْأَرْضِ تُكَلِّمُهُمْ أَنَّ
النَّاسَ كَانُوا بِآيَاتِنَا لَا يُوقِنُونَ﴾

(Holy Quran, Chapter: 27, Verse: 82)

(And when the world is fulfilled against them, we shall produce from the Earth a beast to speak to them because the people had not believed in our signs).

3. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 7, Page: 769.

IV. Narrated on the authority of Anas (May Allah be pleased with him) that the Prophet (Peace be upon him) said, "The Last Day will not occur until the timing gap will not get very close, so that a year will pass like a month, a month will pass like a week, a week like a day, a day like an hour, and an hour will pass like a flame which gets an end quickly." 1

V. Narrated by Anas (May Allah be pleased with him) that the Prophet (Peace be upon him) said, "The Last Day will come when there will be no one left on the earth to chant the name of Allah." 2

These are some signs of the Last Day, which were described depending on the sayings of the Prophet Muhammed (Peace be upon him).

In addition, Prophet (peace be upon him) has described the events of "the Last Day" systematically. Eying on the importance of this topic, we will discuss them in detail in the coming pages.

APPEARANCE OF IMAM MEHDI:

Authentic sayings of the Prophet (Peace be upon him) support that Imam Mehdi (May Allah be pleased with him) will come before the Last Day. Narrated by Abu Said Khudri (May Allah be pleased with him) that the Prophet (Peace be upon him) said,

1. Tirmizi: Imam Muhammad Bin Isa, Vol: 2, Page: 29.

2. Tirmizi: Imam Muhammad Bin Isa, Vol: 1, Page: 834.

Mehdi belongs to my family, having a wide forehead and a high raised nose. He will fill this earth with peace and justice like it was filled with crime and injustice before." 1

Imam Mehdi (May Allah be pleased with him) will appear in Mecca near Holy Kaaba in the month of Ramadan. Pious people, while moving around the Kaaba will recognize him. On his asking them to accept him, they will deny, then a voice from unseen origin will be heard, "this is the vicegerent of Allah, Al-mehdi, so listen to him and obey him." Therefore, they will accept him as a leader. Later on, he will lead them to Syria. 2



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EMERGENCE OF DAJJAL:

Amongst the great signs of the Last Day is the emergence of Dajjal, as our Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) informed us that we have read in previous pages. Here, we learn about his doings and way of deceiving the people.

Dajjal would be a young man with twisted curly hair and with a blind eye as the Prophet (Peace be upon him) said, "Dajjal has his one eye blind and in between two of his eyes a word "Kaaf Faa Ra" would be written

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1. Abu Daud: Imam Abu Daud, Vol: 3, Page: 349.
 2. See, Bahar-e-Shariat: Sadrus Sharia Amjad Ali, Vol: 1, Page: 32.

that will be made visible for Muslims easily. 1

He will have false Paradise and Hell. He will show them to people in order to deceive them because his Paradise will be in-fact Hell and his Hell will be in-fact Paradise. 2

One who will believe in him, he will make him enter into his Paradise and one who will deny him, he will throw him into Hell. For that great test, our Prophet (Peace be upon him) advised us to choose his Hell to save ourselves from disaster.

Although, he will promote, disturbances, and injustice in the world, but he will be unable to get in the holy Medina because, according to the Prophet (Peace be upon him): when Dajjal will intend to get into Medina, he will face Angels, who will be guarding Medina from every corner. 3

Regarding the appearance of Dajjal and his way of spreading unrest amongst people, a detailed saying of the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) was recorded by Imam Muslim in his compiled book, which is the best in the topic. "Narrated by Shaikh Nawas Bin Sama'an (May Allah be pleased with him) that the Prophet (Peace be upon him) said, "...He would appear on the way between Syria and Iraq, and would

1. See, Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 7, Page: 811.

2. See, Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 7, Page: 812.

3. See, Bukhari: Imam Muhammad Bin Ismael Bukhari, Vol: 3, Page: 739.

spread mischief right and left. O' Slaves of Allah, adhere to the path of truth." We asked, "O, Prophet of Allah, how long would he stay on the earth?" He said, "Forty days; one day like a year, one day like a month, one day like a week, and the rest of the days would be like your days. " We inquired, "Would one day's prayer suffice for the prayers of a day equal to one year?" Thereupon he said, "No, but you must make an estimate of time (and observe prayer accordingly). We said, "Allah's Messenger, how quickly would he walk upon the earth." Thereupon he said, "Like a cloud driven by the wind....." 1

Dajjal would go to the people and show them his tricks such as causing rain, making someone alive, and other false gimmicks to deceive them. Therefore, one who accepts his teachings, will be thrown in to his false Paradise which is in-fact Hell, and one who would not care of him, will be forced to get in false Hell, which will be in-fact Paradise. 2

DESCEND OF PROPHET ISA (Peace be upon him):

On the contrary to the claim of Christianity about the Crucifying of Prophet Isa (Peace be upon him), our religion stands for truth and uncovers the

1. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 7, Pages: 814, 815.

2. See, Bahar-e-Shariat: Sadrush Sharia Allama Amjad Ali, Vol: 1, Page: 31.

historical fact that he was not crucified at all. Holy Quran, denying this false statement set up by Christians, clearly says:

﴿ وَمَا قَتَلُوهُ وَمَا صَلَبُوهُ وَلَكِنْ شُبِّهَ لَهُمْ ط وَإِنَّ الَّذِينَ
اِخْتَلَفُوا فِيهِ لَفِي شَكٍّ مِّنْهُ ط مَا لَهُمْ بِهِ مِنْ عِلْمٍ إِلَّا اتِّبَاعَ الظَّنِّ ه
وَمَا قَتَلُوهُ يَقِينًا ۝ 1 ﴾

(...but they killed him not, nor crucified him, but so it was made to appear to them, and those who differ there in are full of doubts. They have not the least knowledge about it, but merely following a conjecture, and undoubtedly, they slew him not).

In fact, when they had decided to kill the Prophet Isa (Peace be upon him) and cordoned off the house, he was in with his obedient followers, Prophet Isa (Peace be upon him) asked his followers, "Who would like to be accepted being turned into an appearance that looks like me, so that he would be killed in place of me?" One of his followers nodded his head in agreement. He was then taken out by them and was crucified. 2

And according the Holy Quran, the Prophet Isa (Peace be upon him) was uplifted towards heaven by Allah, the Exalted.

1. Holy Quran, Chapter: 4, Verse: 157.

2. See, Tibyanul Quran: Allama Ghulam Rassol Saidi, Vol: 2, Page: 853.

﴿ بَلْ رَفَعَهُ اللَّهُ إِلَيْهِ ۖ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ عَزِيزًا حَكِيمًا ﴾ 1

(But, Allah raised him up towards Himself, and Allah is Dominant, Wise)

Before the Last Day, Prophet Isa (Peace be upon him) will appear. About him, our Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) said, "By him is whose hand my soul is, surely Isa the son of Maryam will soon descend amongst you as a just ruler; he will break the cross, kill the swine, and waive the Jizyah....." 2

Imam Muslim recorded in his book a very detailed statement of the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) about him. According to it, Prophet Isa (Peace be upon him) will descend on the Minaret of the Mosque in Damascus. He will then chase Dajjal and kill him at a place named by Lud. After that he will lead Muslims to the mountain Toor, obeying the commandment of Allah, the Exalted. 3

APPEARANCE OF GOG AND MAGOG:

After the gathering of Prophet Isa (Peace be upon him) and Muslims on the mountain Toor, Gog and Magog will emerge and drink up the whole water.

1. Holy Quran, chapter: 4, Verse: 158.

2. Bukhari: Imam Muhammad Bin Ismael Bukhari, Vol: 2, Page: 309.

3. See, Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 7, Page: 815-816.

People will run away from them in fear. Gog and Magog will point their arrows towards heaven. Those arrows will come down on them stained with blood. Later on, Allah, the Exalted, would create worms on the back of their necks, therefore they all will die. 1

GETTING DOWN FROM TOOR:

When Gog and Magog would be killed, then Prophet Isa (Peace be upon him) will get down from the mountain Toor with all Muslims. However, they will not find on the earth equal to the space of a single span which was not filled with the putrefaction and stench of the corpses of Gog and Magog. On the supplications made by Muslims and Prophet Isa (Peace be upon him) Allah, the Exalted, would send birds having necks like those of Bactrian Camels and they will throw their corpses where Allah wills. Then Allah, The Exalted, will cause rain, which will wash the whole earth. 2

Later on, earth will be ordered by Allah, The Exalted, to bring forth its fruits and restore its blessings. There would grow a pomegranate so big that a group of people would be able to eat it, and seek shelter under its skin. A cow would give so much milk that a whole tribe

1. See, Tirmizi: Imam Muhammad Bin Isa Tirmizi, Vol: 2, Page: 498.

2. See, Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 7, Page: 816-817.

would be able to drink it. 1

Prophet Isa will stay around for forty years. During this period, he will get married and he will be blessed with children too. Later on, after his normal death, he will be buried inside the tomb of the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him). 2

APPEARANCE OF THE BEAST:

As we learned earlier, the Beast of the earth will come out of the forest in Mecca. 3

He is an animal having a head like an Ox, eyes like a Swine, ears like an Elephant, neck like an Ostrich, chest like a Lion, color like a Cheetah, waist like a cat, tail like a Sheep, and legs similar to the legs of a Camel. 4

About his way of work, the Prophet (Peace be upon him) said in a very clear word, "Beast of the earth

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1. See, Bhara-e-Shariat: Sadrush Sharia Allama Amjad Ali, Vol: 1, Page: 33.
 2. See, Same Book, Vol: 1, Page: 32.
 3. See, Ibn-e-Maja: Imam Muhammad Bin Yazid, Vol: 3, Page: 473, Edition: No, Date: 1990, Press: Irfan Afzal Printing Press Lahore, Pub: Islamic Academy.
 4. See, Ibn-e-Kasir: Shaikh Imaduddin, Vol: 4, Page: 11, Date: No, Edition: No, Press: No, Pub: Noor Muhammed Karkhana, Pakistan.

will appear, having a ring of Prophet Sulaiman (Peace be upon him) and a stick of Prophet Musa (Peace be upon him). He will brighten the face of Muslims using the stick and he will mark on the nose of non-believers with his ring. Therefore, when they will gather, one will point out as he is a Muslim or he is a non-believer". 1

LAST HOUR:

After the real death of Prophet Isa (Peace be upon him) when only forty years will be left for the Last Day, a pleasant wind will blow. It would cross under the armpits of people and take the life of every Muslim. 2

Now, only non-believers will be on the earth. There will be no birth of a new child. After forty years of it, when no one less than forty years old will exist, angel Israfeel (Peace be upon him), by the order of Allah, The Exalted, will blow the trumpet. On listening to the horrible voice of it every one of them will die and meet an end including angel Israfeel (Peace be upon him). 3

Indicating to this fact, Allah, the Exalted, says:

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1. Ibn-e-Maja: Imam Muhammad Bin Yazid , Vol: 3, Page: 473.
 2. See, Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 7, Page: 817.
 3. See, Bahar-e-Shariat: Sadrush Sharia Allama Amjad Ali, Vol: 1, Page: 34.

﴿ فَإِذَا نُفِخَ فِي الصُّورِ نَفْخَةٌ وَاحِدَةٌ ۚ وَحُمِلَتِ

الْأَرْضُ وَالْجِبَالُ فَدُكَّتَا دَكَّةً وَاحِدَةً ﴾ 1

(Then, when the trumpet is blown instantly. And the earth and the mountains are being crushed after lifting up all at once).

And the heavens would be destroyed and rolled up.

﴿ يَوْمَ نَطْوِي السَّمَاءَ كَطَيِّ السِّجِلِّ لِلْكُتُبِ ۚ ﴾ 2

(The Day when we shall roll up the heavens like the angels roll up their records).

In a very simple word, the Holy Quran reiterates that what is in the world would be destroyed completely except Allah, The Exalted.

﴿ كُلُّ مَنْ عَلَيْهَا فَانٍ ۚ وَيَبْقَىٰ وَجْهُ رَبِّكَ ذُو الْجَلَالِ

وَالْإِكْرَامِ ﴾ 3

(All that is on earth is to perish. And will abide for ever the entity of your Lord, full of Majesty, Bounty, and Honor).

1. Holy Quran, Chapter: 69, Verses: 13, 14.

2. Holy Quran, Chapter: 21, Verse: 104.

3. Holy Quran, Chapter: 55, Verses: 26, 27.

CHAPTER 7

DAY OF JUDGEMENT

After meeting every Creation to its end, Allah, the Exalted, will make an angel Israfeel (Peace be upon him) alive again and command him to blow the trumpet again. On listening to the voice of it, every person, including angels, Jinns, and animals will gather altogether.

﴿وَأَنَّ السَّاعَةَ آتِيَةٌ لَا رَيْبَ فِيهَا وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ يَبْعَثُ مَنْ

فِي الْقُبُورِ﴾ 1

(And because the Hour is to come, there is no doubt in it and because Allah will raise those who are in the graves).

About the resurrection of mankind on the Day of Judgment, in a very clear word, the Holy Quran says:

1. Holy Quran, Chapter: 22, Verse: 7.

﴿ ثُمَّ إِنَّكُمْ بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ لَمَيِّتُونَ ۚ ثُمَّ إِنَّكُمْ يَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ تُبْعَثُونَ ﴾ 1

(Then after this, necessarily you are to die. Then you all shall be raised up on the Day of Judgment).

Recreation of human being would be done through a small piece of bone that is situated at the end of the back bone. This tiny piece of bone is the base of us, so it would never be destroyed as the Prophet (Peace be upon him) said, "Every part of the body of the child of Adam would be destroyed by soil except "Ajabuz Zanab" (A tiny piece of the bone at the end of the back bone) from which mankind was created first and from the same will be made alive again." 2

According to the authentic resources, everyone will gather on the ground of Syria. This day will last long up to fifty thousand years. Allah the Exalted, says:

﴿ تَعْرُجُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ وَالرُّوحُ إِلَيْهِ فِي يَوْمٍ كَانَ مِقْدَارُهُ

خَمْسِينَ أَلْفَ سَنَةٍ ﴾ 3

(The angels and the spirit ascend to Him in a Day the measure whereof is fifty thousand years).

Upon hearing the above verse, people around the Prophet (Peace be upon him) asked him, "What a long day this will be?" Thereupon he replied, "By the one in whose hand my soul is, it will be alleviated for

1. Holy Quran, Chapter: 23, Verses: 15, 16.

2. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 7, Page: 840.

3. Holy Quran, Chapter: 70, Verse: 4.

a believer till it becomes shorter than the time of one prescribed prayer he used to pray in this world." 1

It is a privilege, and it would be granted to our Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) that he will rise from his grave first with his both companions; Shaikh Abu Bakr and Shaikh Umar Farouq (May Allah be pleased with them). Pointing to this, note that he said,I will be raised first from my grave..." 2

To the ground in Syria where the process of judgement will be held, some will proceed walking on their feet, some riding on, and some others would be dragged. 3

And some others would be forced by fire to it. 4

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GROUND OF GATHERING:

On that day earth and heavens would be changed as Allah, the Exalted, says:

﴿يَوْمَ تُبَدَّلُ الْأَرْضُ غَيْرَ الْأَرْضِ وَالسَّمُوتُ وَبَرَزُوا لِلَّهِ

الْوَّاحِدِ الْقَهَّارِ﴾ 5

1. Ziaul Quran: Allama Peer Karam Shah, Vol: 5, Page: 360.

2. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 6, Page: 680.

3. See, Tirmizi: Imam Muhammad Bin Ismael Tirmizi, Vol: 3, Page: 519.

4. See, Bukhari: Imam Muhammad bin Ismael, Vol: 3, Page: 519.

5. Holy Quran, Chapter: 14, Verse: 48.

(On that day, the Earth will be changed to a different earth, and so will be the Heavens, and people will be marshaled forth, before Allah, the One, the Irresistible).

There are several explanations for what really means by "Changing of the earth and heavens." However, the most reliable one is that the earth will be plain as there would be no ups and downs on the face of the earth. Whereas, the "Changing of heavens" means, the sun will get very close to the earth. 1

As the sun will get as close as one mile (or equal to the length of a stick that usually has been used for putting black powder inside the eyes) from the earth, people will feel severely hot. The Prophet (Peace be upon him) said, "The people would be submerged in to perspiration according to their deeds, some up to the knees, some up to the waist, and some would have the bridle of perspiration." While saying this, Allah's Prophet (Peace be upon him) pointed his hand towards his mouth. 2

Because of the uncomfortable and horrible situation on that day; people will be careless about others. They will be thinking of their own safety, taking shelter to a better place.

Holy Quran says:

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1. See, Ibn-e-Maja: Imam Muhammad Bin Yazid, Vol: 3, Page: 585.
 2. Muslim: Imam Muslim bin Hajjaj bin Muslim, Vol: 7, Page: 692.

﴿ يَوْمَ يَفِرُّ الْمَرْءُ مِنْ أَخِيهِ • وَأُمِّهِ وَأَبِيهِ • وَصَاحِبَتِهِ

وَبَنِيهِ • لِكُلِّ امْرِئٍ مِنْهُمْ يَوْمَئِذٍ شَأْنٌ يُغْنِيهِ ﴾ 1

(On that day man will flee from his brother. And from his mother and his father. And from his wife and his children. Each one of them, that Day, will have enough concern (of his own) to make him unmindful to the others).

Getting tired of this horrible situation, people will ask Prophet Adam (Peace be upon him) to intercede for his children, he will refuse saying, "I am not for it" and advise them to go to Prophet Ibrahim (Peace be upon him) because he was entitled with "Khalilul Laah." People, then will come to him. He will refuse, then they will come to the last Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) after receiving the same answer from Prophet Musa and Prophet Isa (Peace be upon them). Our beloved Prophet, on looking at them, will say "Yes, I am for it" and he will intercede for them before Allah, The Exalted. 2

BEFORE THE LORD:

People will stand before their Lord on that day to hear His sentence. Allah, the Exalted, says:

1. Holy Quran, Chapter: 80, Verses: 34-37.

2. See, Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 1, Page: 811.

﴿ لِيَوْمٍ عَظِيمٍ ۝ يَوْمَ يَقُومُ النَّاسُ لِرَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴾ 1

(On a great day. A day when people will stand before the Lord of the Worlds)

Deeds of everyone, good or bad would be brought forward to be seen. Allah, the Exalted, says:

﴿ يَوْمَ تَجِدُ كُلُّ نَفْسٍ مَّا عَمِلَتْ مِنْ خَيْرٍ مُّحْضَرًا ۚ وَمَا

عَمِلَتْ مِنْ سُوءٍ ۚ ﴾ 2

(The day when every soul shall find presented whatever it did of good and whatever it did of evil).

Those who do wrong in this world will not find any way to get rid of the judgment proceedings by giving their excuses for their involvement in wrong actions.

﴿ فَيَوْمَئِذٍ لَا يَنْفَعُ الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا مَعْذِرَتُهُمْ وَلَا هُمْ يُسْتَعْتَبُونَ ﴾ 3

(Therefore, on that day, oppressors will not get any benefit from their excuse, nor will they be allowed to make amends).

In addition, they will not be allowed to give something in order to get concessions in their punishment as Allah, The Exalted says:

1. Holy Quran, Chapter: 83, Verses: 5, 6.

2. Holy Quran, Chapter: 3, Verse: 30.

3. Holy Quran, Chapter: 30, Verse: 57.

﴿ وَاتَّقُوا يَوْمًا لَا تَجْزِي نَفْسٌ عَنْ نَفْسٍ شَيْئًا وَلَا يُقْبَلُ

مِنْهَا شَفَاعَةٌ وَلَا يُؤْخَذُ مِنْهَا عَدْلٌ وَلَا هُمْ يُنصَرُونَ ﴾ 1

(And fear the day, when no soul shall be substitute for another, nor shall intercession be accepted from any infidel, nor ransom taken from them, and none shall be helped).

ACCEPTANCE OF INTERCESSION:

However, those who have Imaan will find intercessions for them before Allah, the Exalted. In the second chapter of this book, we have discussed about the intercession that will be made by our Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) for his followers. Recalling that discussion, here, couple of beautiful sayings of the Prophet (Peace be upon him) will be added.

Narrated by Aof Bin Malik (May Allah be pleased with him) that the Prophet of Allah (Peace be upon him) said, "I was given an option by Allah, the Exalted, to select between, letting half of my followers in Paradise or the "right of intercession". So, I have chosen the "right of intercession" and it would be for every Muslim who did not associate anybody with Allah." 2

1. Holy Quran, Chapter: 2, Verse: 48.

2. Tirmizi: Imam Muhammad Bin Isa, Vol: 2, Page: 86.

On the Day of Judgement, our beloved Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) will keep on exercising this right for his followers having shortcoming in their deeds. Even those who have Imaan but having mere deeds will be forgiven.

In addition to it, Islamic scholars and martyrs will have a chance to intercede for Muslims as our Prophet (Peace be upon him) said, "On the Day of Judgment, three groups will intercede, Prophets, then Islamic scholars, and then martyrs." 2

Likewise, one who memorized the Holy Quran will be given permission to intercede for his family members as much as ten of them. For it, our Prophet (Peace be upon him) said, "One who has read the Holy Quran and memorized it, Allah the Exalted, will enter him into Paradise, and accept his intercession for those ten family members of him, whom it is must to enter Hell." 3

Immature fetus will also have a privilege to intercede for his parents, as Imam Ali (May Allah be pleased with him) narrated from the Prophet (Peace be upon him) saying, "An immature fetus will make arguments with his Lord upon looking his parents entering Hell till he will be commanded to have his

1. See, Ibn-e-Maja: Imam Muhammad Bin Yazid, Vol: 3, Page: 604.

2. Same Book , Vol: 3, Page: 605.

3. Same Book , Vol: 1, Page: 158.

parents let an entry into Paradise..." 1

Along with above groups, Holy Quran will intercede its recites. 2

As well as forty people who join the funeral prayer of a Muslim and ask for him Allah's forgiveness, would be accepted too. 3

BRIDGE OF SIRAAT:

"Siraat" is a bridge extending over the midst of Hell. People will have to pass over it. Upon asking its description in detail, the Prophet (Peace be upon him) said, "Siraat is a slippery (bridge over the two ends of Hell). On it, there are thorns like (are found in Najd) sadaan. The believers would pass over it in the twinkling of an eye, like lighting, like wind, like birds. Like the finest horses and camels. Some will escape and be safe, some will be lacerated and let go, and some will be pushed into the Hell fire....." 4

MIZAAN:

It is a scale which will be set up on the Day of Judgement for weighing the deeds of people. For

1. Ibn-e-Maja: Imam Muhammad Bin , Vol: 1, Page: 796.

2. See, Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 2, Page: 584.

3. See, Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 2, Page: 764.

4. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 1, Page: 789.

setting up the Mizaan, Allah, the Exalted, says:

﴿ وَنَضَعُ الْمَوَازِينَ الْقِسْطَ لِيَوْمِ الْقِيَمَةِ فَلَا تُظْلَمُ نَفْسٌ شَيْئًا ط وَ

إِنْ كَانَ مِثْقَالَ حَبَّةٍ مِّنْ خَرْدَلٍ أَتَيْنَا بِهَا ط وَكَفَىٰ بِنَا حَسِيبِينَ ﴿ 1

(And we shall set up scales of Justice for the Day of Judgement, then no soul will be dealt unjustly in the least. And if there be anything, even equal to a grain of mustard seed, we shall bring it. And we are sufficient to take account).

After the process of weighing all deeds of people, they will be made listen to the verdict of Allah, the Exalted.

﴿ فَمَنْ ثَقُلَتْ مَوَازِينُهُ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ ه وَمَنْ خَفَّتْ

مَوَازِينُهُ فَأُولَٰئِكَ الَّذِينَ خَسِرُوا أَنفُسَهُمْ فِي جَهَنَّمَ خَالِدُونَ ﴿ 2

(Then those whose scales are heavy, they would reach to their goals. And whose scales are light, these are ones who put their souls in loss, forever they will remain in the Hell).

CANAL OF KAUSAR:

Canal of Kausar is one of the favors given to our Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) by Almighty Allah. According to one of the authentic

1. Holy Quran, Chapter: 21, Verse: 47.

2. Holy Quran, Chapter: 23, Verses: 102, 103.

explanations of the first verse of the chapter named "Kasusar" from the Holy Quran, Allah, the Exalted has indicated to it saying:

﴿ إِنَّا أَعْطَيْنَكَ الْكَوْثَرَ ﴾ 1

(We have granted you the canal of Kausar)

Narrated by Shaikh Umar (May Allah be pleased with him) that the Prophet (Peace be upon him) said, "Kausar is a canal in Paradise, It's both sides made of gold, and base was decorated with pearls and ruby stones. Its soil is more pleasantly scented than Musk, and its water is sweeter than honey, and whiter than ice." 2

Canal of Kasuar is very big. According to Prophet (Peace be upon him) it's length is longer than the distance between Aila (a mountain near Yanbo in Egypt) and Adan. And it has bowls more than the number of stars on the sky. 3

With the unique status granted by Allah, the Exalted, our beloved Prophet (Peace be upon him) was able to help his followers in all three places; "bridge of Siraat," "Balance," and at "canal of Kausar." As Anas Bin Malik (May Allah be pleased with him) asked the Prophet (Peace be upon him) about his presence

1. Holy Quran, Chapter: 108, Verse: 1.

2. Ziaul Quran: Peer Karam Shah, Vol: 5, Page: 686.

3. See, Ibn-e-Maja: Imam Muhammad Bin Yazid, Vol: 3, Page: 596.

on the Day of Judgment, then he replied, "First you try to find me on the "bridge of Siraat." I asked, "What if I will not get you there ?" He said, "Then try to get me near the Balance." I asked, "What if I will not get you there?" He replied, "Then you will find me near canal of Kausar for sure, because I will not be in any place other than these three locations. 1

SEEING ALLAH, THE EXALTED:

It would be a greatest pleasure for a Muslim to have a chance to see his Lord on the Day of Judgment. Allah, the Exalted, says:

﴿ وَجُوهٌ يُّومِئِذٍ نَّاصِرَةٌ ۖ إِلَىٰ رَبِّهَا نَاظِرَةٌ ﴾ 2

(Some faces on that day will be fresh; looking towards their Lord).

Regarding this topic, our beloved (Peace be upon him) says, "You will be presented before your Lord, and then you will see Him as you see the moon." 3

Because of the importance of this remarkable privilege for prosperous Muslims, some companions of the Prophet (Peace be upon him) asked, "Will we see Allah, the Exalted, on the Day of Judgment?" He replied, "Yes," and he continued saying that, "When the

1. Tirmizi: Imam Muhammad Bin Isa, Vol: 2, Page: 78.

2. Holy Quran, Chapter: 75, Verses: 22, 23.

3. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 2, Page: 255.

sun is on your head at mid-day and there is no cloud on the sky, is it difficult for you to see the sun? Likewise, when the full moon is out and no cloud covers any part of it, is it hard for you to see the moon?" Companions of the Prophet (Peace be upon him) replied, "No." Then the Prophet (Peace be upon him) made his statement clear saying, "Therefore, as you see the sun and the moon evidently in this world, you will see Allah, the Exalted." 1



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CHAPTER 8

PARADISE

Paradise, an unimaginable, beautiful place was prepared for those who believe in the basics of Islam and do accordingly in practice.

Holy Quran as well as numerous sayings of the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) cast the light on the glimpse of its beauty and comfort. Placing some headings, we will try to describe it in brief.

THE LARGEST PLACE:

Paradise is a very huge place. According to the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) it has hundred compartments and the distance between two of them is equal to the distance between heaven and earth. And the "Firdaus" is on the very top of them all. 1

1. See, Tirmizi: Imam Muhammad Bin Isa Tirmizi, Vol: 2, Page: 135.

To realize its greatness, one can also read the Hadith that has been narrated by Abu Said Khudri (May Allah be pleased with him) that the Prophet (Peace be upon him) said, "Paradise has a tree like a rider that's on a fast running horse for hundred years can not cross it's shade." 1

Holy Quran also guides us to realize the vast dimensions like those of earth and heaven combined.

﴿ سَابِقُوا إِلَىٰ مَغْفِرَةٍ مِّن رَّبِّكُمْ وَ جَنَّةٍ عَرْضُهَا كَعَرْضِ السَّمَاءِ وَ

الْأَرْضِ أُعِدَّتْ لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرُسُلِهِ ط ﴾ 2

(Go forward to seek the forgiveness of your Lord and to a Paradise as vast as the heaven and the earth, which has been readied for those who have faith in Allah and His Prophets).

UTMOST BEAUTY AND COMFORT:

Paradise is very big in area as well as extremely beautiful, appealing, striking, and good-looking.

Describing its beauty and lovely outlook, our Prophet (Peace be upon him) said, "Allah, the Exalted, says, "I have prepared for my obedient servants a place that no eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no one has

1. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 7, Page: 663.

2. Holy Quran, Chapter: 57, Verse: 21.

ever thought of....." 1

Water canal is on the run in the Paradise, which of course adds more to its beauty. Allah, the Exalted, says:

﴿ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ لَهُمْ جَنَّاتٌ تَجْرِي مِنْ

تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ هَٰذَا ذَٰلِكَ الْفَوْزُ الْكَبِيرُ ﴾ 2

(For those who believe and do righteous deeds will be in the Paradise; beneath which rivers flow; that is the great triumph).

Sleeping arrangements for settlers in Paradise is very comfortable and excellent. Regarding it, Allah, the Exalted, says:

﴿ مُتَكِيَيْنَ عَلَى رَفْرَفٍ خُضِرٍ وَعَبَقَرٍ حَسَانٍ ﴾ 3

(Reclining on green beds and painted lovely carpets).

Of course, the paradise is more beautiful than this world, even an inch of its area is more beautiful than this temporary world and what's in it. 4

Residents in Paradise will enjoy a life that will never get an end, with a good health and strong muscle.

Narrated by Abu Said Khudri that the Prophet

1. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 7, Page: 662.

2. Holy Quran, Chapter: 85, Verse: 11.

3. Holy Quran, Chapter: 55, Verse: 76.

4. See, Ibn-e-Maja: Imam Muhammad Bin Yazid, Vol: 3, Page: 612.

(Peace be upon him) said, "A caller will announce to the residents of Paradise, "It has been decided that you would be healthy, and never get sick, you will be alive forever and never die, you would be young and never get old, and you would be under the shower of blessings of Allah, the Exalted, and will never be given any hard time....." 1

There will be total peace and stability. Bad manners; whatever it would be, will have no place to stay therein.

﴿ لَا يَسْمَعُونَ فِيهَا لَغْوًا وَ لَا كِذْبًا ﴾ 2

(No empty talk will they hear in Paradise, nor any lie)

They will be given Hoor, a highly beautiful creation to serve them and fulfill their needs. 3

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FOOD AND DRINKS:

Residents in Paradise will be served delicious foods and drinks. They will have fruits and whatever they may wish. Allah, the Exalted, says:

﴿ لَهُمْ فِيهَا فَاكِهَةٌ وَ لَهُمْ مَّا يَدْعُونَ ﴾ 4

(There are fruits for them in the Paradise and there

1. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 7, Page: 668.

2. Holy Quran, Chapter: 78, Verse: 35.

3. See, Bahar-e-Shariat: Sadrush Sharia Amjad Ali, Vol: 1, Page: 43.

4. Holy Quran, Chapter: 36, Verse: 57.

is for them whatever they ask).

According to the Scholars of Islam, they will be given some fruits that look like those of in this world, but their taste will be unique and mouth-watering.

﴿ كَلَّمَارِزُقُوا مِنْهَا مِنْ ثَمَرَةٍ رَزَقًا قَالُوا هَذَا الَّذِي رَزَقْنَا مِنْ

قَبْلُ وَاتُّوا بِهِ مُتَشَابِهًا ط 1

(Whenever they would be provided a fruit to eat, they would say looking at its shape, this is what had been given before, and that was given to them resembling in shape).

They will be provided with foods every time; morning and evening.

﴿ وَلَهُمْ رِزْقُهُمْ فِيهَا بُكْرَةً وَعَشِيًّا 2

(And for them there is their sustenance, morning and evening).

There will be plenty of foods that never finish nor any shortage in regular supply would be expected, Allah, the Exalted, says:

﴿ إِنَّ هَذَا لَرِزْقُنَا مَا لَهُ مِنْ نَفَادٍ 3

(Undoubtedly, this is our sustenance, which will never finish).

In Paradise, there will be different kinds of drinks

1. Holy Quran, Chapter: 2, Verse: 25.

2. Holy Quran, Chapter: 19, Verse: 62.

3. Holy Quran, Chapter: 38, Verse: 54.

available for them. Giving description of them, Allah, the Exalted, says:

﴿ مَثَلُ الْجَنَّةِ الَّتِي وُعدَ الْمُتَّقُونَ ط فِيهَا أَنْهَارٌ مِنْ مَّاءٍ غَيْرِ آسِنٍ ه
وَأَنْهَارٌ مِنْ لَبَنٍ لَمْ يَتَغَيَّرَ طَعْمُهُ ه وَأَنْهَارٌ مِنْ خَمْرٍ لَذَّةٍ لِلشَّارِبِينَ ه وَأَنْهَارٌ
مِنْ عَسَلٍ مُصَفًّى ط ﴾ 1

(The description of the Paradise which the Allah-fearing are promised: wherein there are rivers of water which does not stale, and rivers of milk; the taste of which does not alter, and rivers of wine; delightful to those who drink it, and rivers of honey of all impurity cleansed).

Although wine will be served in Paradise, it's effect would be totally different than of this world.

﴿ يُطَافُ عَلَيْهِمْ بِكَأْسٍ مِنْ مَّعِينٍ ه بَيضَاءَ لَذَّةٍ لِلشَّارِبِينَ ه
لَا فِيهَا غَوْلٌ وَلَا هُمْ عَنْهَا يُنْرَفُونَ ﴾ 2

(A cup will be passed around among them from unsullied springs, white colored, delightful to those who drink it, no intoxication will be in it, and they will not get drunk thereon).

After eating and drinking, they will never feel to go to the restrooms nor they will spit as the Prophet (Peace be upon him) informing his companions

1. Holy Quran, Chapter: 47, Verse: 15.

2. Holy Quran, Chapter: 37, Verses: 45, 46, 47.

said, "Residents in Paradise will eat and drink but they will not spit nor they urinate or discharge stool or boggi^پer. However, their foods will go away through burp having smell of Musk....." 1

DRESSES:

Residents of Paradise will be provided the best of all dresses they had been using in this world. According to the information provided by the Holy Quran, dresses made nicely out of silk will be presented for them.

﴿ جَنَّتُ عَدْنٍ يَدْخُلُونَهَا يُحَلَّوْنَ فِيهَا مِنْ أَسَاوِرَ مِنْ ذَهَبٍ وَ

لُؤْلُؤًا ۚ وَلِبَاسُهُمْ فِيهَا حَرِيرٌ ﴾ 2

(Garden of Eternity will they enter, therein will they be adorned with bracelets of gold and pearls; and their garments there will be of silk).

Their extremely beautiful dresses will never get old as the Prophet (Peace be upon him) said, "Whoever will get into Paradise, will be provided enough comfort that he never feel any trouble. His dress will not get old nor will his youth power meet an end." 3

1. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 7, Page: 667.

2. Holy Quran, Chapter: 35, Verse: 33.

3. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 7, Page: 667.

CHAPTER 9

HELL

As the Paradise is the best place, no one can think of its beauty and realize its unique comfort, the Hell is the worst of all places. No one can perfectly imagine its horror, discomfort, and numerous types of punishments that wait for those who displease Allah, The Exalted and His Prophet Muhammed (Peace be upon him).

Allah, the Exalted, says:

﴿ أَلَمْ يَعْلَمُوا أَنَّهُ مَنْ يُحَادِدِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ فَأَنَّ لَهُ نَارَ جَهَنَّمَ خَالِدًا

فِيهَا ۖ ذَٰلِكَ الْخِزْيُ الْعَظِيمُ ۝ 1

(Do they not know that for those who oppose Allah and His Prophet, is the Fire of Hell? Wherein they shall dwell and that is the supreme disgrace).

DESCRIPTION OF HELL:

Hell is also very big in size and depth. On the day of Judgment Allah, the Exalted, will ask its vacant area, then it will reply in a way that clearly indicates its vast area. Allah, the Exalted, says:

﴿ يَوْمَ نَقُولُ لِجَهَنَّمَ هَلِ امْتَلَأْتِ وَتَقُولُ هَلْ مِنْ مَّزِيدٍ ﴾ 1

(On that day We will ask Hell, "Are you filled? And it will answer, is there yet more)

Describing its unimaginable depth, the Prophet (Peace be upon him) said, if a big rock is being dropped from any side of Hell, it will not reach its bottom even in seventy years. 2

It has seven doors. Hell-goers will be divided into seven groups. Each group will be allowed to get in through specified door. Allah, the Exalted, says:

﴿ وَإِنَّ جَهَنَّمَ لَمَوْعِدُهُمْ أَجْمَعِينَ ۚ لَهَا سَبْعَةُ أَبْوَابٍ ۖ لِكُلِّ

بَابٍ مِنْهُمْ جُزْءٌ مَّقْسُومٌ ﴾ 3

(And verily, Hell is the promised goal for them all. With seven gates leading into it, each gate receiving its allotted share of sinners)

1. Holy Quran, Chapter: 50, Verse: 30.

2. See, Tirmizi: Imam Muhammad Bin Isa, Vol: 2, Page: 168.

3. Holy Quran, Chapter: 15, verses: 43, 44.

FIRE AND PUNISHMENT:

It is impossible to think of the horrible fire of Hell in accordance with the fire of this world. Fire of Hell is unimaginable, hottest, and painful. Comparing both fires, our Prophets (Peace be upon him) said, "This fire of yours which is being lit by the children of Adam is seventy times less hot than of Hellfire....." 1

Giving more detail about it, the Prophet (Peace be upon him) said, "Fire of Hell had been lit for thousand years, so its color turned to red. Then it had been lit for another thousand years, so it turned to white. Then it had been lit for another thousand years so it turned to black. Therefore, now its color is black." 2

Of course, its power of causing pain and distress is also more than the fire of this world. Citing its horrible glimpse, the Prophet (Peace be upon him) said, "The least punishment that will be given on the Day of Judgment amongst Hell-goers, will be a person under whose arch of the feet two smoldering embers will be placed, because of which his brain will boil just like Al-Mirjal (copper vessel) or a qum-qum (narrow-necked vessel) is boiling with water." 3

1. Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 7, Page: 670

2. Tirmizi: Imam Muhammad Bin Isa Tirmizi, Vol: 2, Page: 177.

3. Bukhari: Imam Muhammad Bin , Vol: 3, Page: 530.

This is the effect of the least punishment due to the Hell fire. With it, one can think for a moment, what if it will touch the other parts of the body. According to the Holy Quran, foreheads, backs, and sides of the bodies of Hell-goers will be heated up by fire.

﴿ يَوْمَ يُحْمَىٰ عَلَيْهَا فِي نَارِ جَهَنَّمَ فَتُكْوَىٰ بِهَا جِبَاهُهُمْ

وَجُنُوبُهُمْ وَظُهُورُهُمْ ۝ 1

(On the day, they shall be heated in the fire of Hell and their foreheads, their sides, and their backs branded there with)

On the basis of the mistakes done by the Hell-goers, fire will curb some of them till their knees, and some to their backs, and others to their necks. 2

Maintaining maximum effect of fire to them their skins will be changed intermittently with new ones.

﴿ كُلَّمَا نَضِجَتْ جُلُودُهُمْ بَدَّلْنَاهُمْ جُلُودًا غَيْرَهَا لِيَذُوقُوا

الْعَذَابَ ۝ 3

(Every time their skins are burnt off, we shall replace them with new skins, so that they may taste suffering)

FOOD AND DRINKS:

In the Hell, worst of all foods and dirty drinks

1. Holy Quran, Chapter: 9, Verse: 35.

2. See, Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 7, Page: 671.

3. Holy Quran, Chapter: 4, Verse: 56.

will be served to them.

As a food, they will be provided "Dharee" a plant having prickles. 1

Allah, the Exalted, says:

﴿ لَيْسَ لَهُمْ طَعَامٌ إِلَّا مِنْ ضَرِيعٍ ۚ لَا يُسْمِنُ وَلَا يُغْنِي مِنْ جُوعٍ ﴾ 2

(No foods will there be for them but a bitter Dharee, which will neither nourish nor satisfy hunger)

As they start eating it, they will feel like chocking. So, they will ask some drinks to push it in. Then they will be given hot water that will burn off their faces and cut off the guts and organs inside their bellies. 3

They will also be served zaqqum as a food. Allah, the Exalted, says:

﴿ إِنَّ شَجَرَتَ الرَّقُومِ ۚ طَعَامُ الْآثِمِينَ ۚ كَالْمُهْلِ ۚ يَغْلِي فِي

الْبُطُونِ ۚ كَغَلِيِّ الْحَمِيمِ ﴾ 4

(Verily, the tree of Zaqqum [Cactus] will be the food of the sinful. Like molten lead will it boil in the belly. Like the boiling of burning despair)

There will be no sweet drinks or cold water

1. See, Ziaul Quran: Peer Karam Shah, Vol: 5, Page: 530.

2. Holy Quran, Chapter: 88, Verses: 6, 7.

3. See, Tirmizi: Imam Muhammad Bin Isa Tirmizi, Vol: 2, Page: 174.

4. Holy Quran, Chapter: 44, Verses: 43-46.

available for them. But, in fact they will be presented with hot and bitter drinks.

﴿ لَا يَذُوقُونَ فِيهَا بَرْدًا وَلَا شَرَابًا إِلَّا حَمِيمًا وَغَسَّاقًا ﴾ 1

(Nothing cool shall they taste therein, nor any drink. Except boiling water and burning pus of sinners).

When they ask something to drink, they will be provided with boiling water that may burn their faces.

﴿ وَإِنْ يَسْتَغِيثُوا يُغَاثُوا بِمَاءٍ كَالْمُهْلِ يَشْوِي الْوُجُوهَ ط بئسَ

الشَّرَابُ ط وَسَاءَتْ مُرْتَفَقًا ط ﴾ 2

(And if they ask water, then they will be served water, which is like molten lead that will burn the faces. What a bad drink it is and how uncomfortable place to stay in).

That boiling water may cut their entrails too.

﴿ وَسُقُوا مَاءً حَمِيمًا فَقَطَّعَ أَمْعَاءَهُمْ ﴾ 3

(...and they shall be given to drink boiling water, so that it cuts up their entrails into pieces).

1. Holy Quran, Chapter: 78, Verses: 24, 25.

2. Holy Quran, Chapter: 18, Verse: 29.

3. Holy Quran, Chapter: 47, Verse: 15.

CHAPTER 10

JINN

Allah, the Exalted, is most powerful. He created a lot of things. Some of them are visible for us and some are not. Jinns are among those we can not see with our eyes.

As the previous chapters were discussed, we will choose for this too, few headings and gather some informations accordingly.

CREATION OF JINN:

Jinns were created from fire as we were created from soil. Allah, the Exalted, says:

﴿ خَلَقَ الْجَانَّ مِنْ مَّارِجٍ مِنْ نَارٍ ﴾ 1

(And He created Jinn from the flame of the fire).

They were created before the creation of

1. Holy Quran, Chapter: 55, Verse: 15.

mankind, as Allah, the Exalted, says:

﴿ وَالْجَانَّ خَلَقْنَاهُ مِنْ قَبْلُ مِنْ نَارِ السَّمُومِ ﴾ 1

(And We have created Jinns before, from the smokeless fire).

They were created from fire, but it does not mean that they are like fire or close to its characteristics. In fact, they have solid bodies like us. It is, because when a Jinn wanted to interrupt the prayer of the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him), with power given by Almighty Allah, he caught him and strangled him. 2

During this action, the Prophet (Peace be upon him) felt the cool of the saliva of the Jinn's mouth too. 3

The above recorded event clearly shows that they have solid bodies like us even though we can not see them.

KINDS OF JINNS:

There are several kinds of Jinns. It is narrated from the Prophet (Peace be upon him) that Jinns are of three kinds; First, those who have wings through which

1. Holy Quran, Chapter: 15, verse: 27.

2. See, Muslim: Imam Muslim, Vol: 2, Page: 99.

3. See, Fat hul Bari: Allama Ibn-e-Hajar Asqalani, Vol: 1, Page: 555, Date: 1401 Hijra, Edition: No, Press: No, Pub: Daro Nashril Kutub Al Islamia, Lahore.

they can fly, second, those who are in the form of snakes and spiders, third, those who travel and stay somewhere. 1

In addition, Imam Badruddin Aaini has descriptively recorded in his book their several kinds and named some of them too.

A. Ghaul or Ifreet: They are very dangerous kinds of Jinns. They live in barren Places. They can easily change their physical appearances.

B. Saulaat: They live in forests.

C. Ghadaar: They usually live in and around Yemen and Egypt.

D. Walhaan: They live in Islands.

E. Shaq: They are equal to the half of the length of mankind.

F. Some are familiar to mankind and do not hurt them.

G. Some are in the form of lizards.

H. Some are in the form of dogs. 2

THEIR ACTIVITIES:

They are of the several creations of Allah, the Exalted. As mankind, they are also created to worship their Lord. As it is mentioned in the Holy Quran:

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1. See, Fat hul Bari: Imam Ibn-e-Hajar, Vol: 2, Page: 345.
 2. See, Umdatul Qari: Allama Badruddin Aaini, Vol: 15, Page: 183-184, Edition: No, Date: 1348 Hijra, Press: Edara tut Tiba'a Al Muniria, Egypt.

﴿ وَمَا خَلَقْتُ الْجِنَّ وَالْإِنْسَ إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُونِ ﴾ 1

(And I have only created Jinns and men that they may worship Me).

However, like in human-being, not all of them on righteous path. Some of them upon listening to the Holy Quran, accepted its message.

Holy Quran itself describes this historical event saying:

﴿ قُلْ أُوحِيَ إِلَيَّ أَنَّهُ اسْتَمَعَ نَفَرٌ مِّنَ الْجِنِّ فَقَالُوا إِنَّا سَمِعْنَا قُرْآنًا

عَجَبًا ۖ يَهْدِي إِلَى الرُّشْدِ فَآمَنَّا بِهِ ۖ وَلَنُشْرِكَ بِرَبِّنَا أَحَدًا ﴾ 2

(Say, it has been revealed to me that some of the Jinns listened to my recitation attentively and said, "We have heard a wonderful Quran. That guides towards righteousness, so we have believed in it, and we shall never associate anyone with our Lord)."

Like mankind some of them are pious and nice and some are wicked, giving hard times to others. Allah, the Exalted described their acceptance saying:

﴿ وَإِنَّا مِنَّا الصَّالِحُونَ وَمِنَّا دُونَ ذَلِكَ ۖ كُنَّا طَرَائِقَ قِدْدًا ﴾ 3

(And that there are some amongst us righteous and some of us are otherwise. We are divided into different ways).

1. Holy Quran, Chapter: 51, Verse: 56.

2. Holy Quran, Chapter: 72, Verse: 1, 2.

3. Holy Quran, Chapter: 72, Verse: 11.

With the power given by Allah, the Exalted, to them, they are able to carry out some astonishing hard work that is impossible for any ordinary human-being to do. Such as Ifreet, a most powerful Jinn; he was ready to bring the giant throne of Queen of Saba to Prophet Sulaiman (Peace be upon him) in some seconds. Holy Quran describing it says:

﴿ قَالَ عَفَرْتُكَ مِنَ الْجِنِّ أَنَا آتِيكَ بِهِ قَبْلَ أَنْ تَقُومَ مِنْ مَقَامِكَ ۚ

وَأَنِّي عَلَيْهِ لَقَوِيٌّ أَمِينٌ ۝ ١

(One big evil Jinn said, "I will bring to you that throne before you rise from your sitting; and undoubtedly, I am powerful over that, trust worthy).

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